

# ANDOVER TOWNSMAN

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## For Stapczynski Five more years

By Neil Fater

**A**lready the town manager for longer than anyone else in Andover's history, Buzz Stapczynski was virtually assured by selectmen Monday that he'll remain in charge for another five years.

Selectmen voted 4-1 to reappoint Stapczynski, with Larry Larsen the lone dissenter. The town charter allows selectmen to offer the manager only a five-year contract if they want to reappoint him, they say, meaning Stapczynski will remain town manager until 2005, unless a majority of the board votes to fire him.

Stapczynski has been town manager since 1990. No other manager has served longer than eight years.

"I was happy with the vote of confidence and the ability to labor in the vineyard for another five years," says Stapczynski.

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

'Tis the season — It was a festive weekend in Andover, starting with the Feaster Five Road Race (above), which drew thousands. [See local race results, beginning on page 36.] At right, Santa Parade Marshal Bob McQuade and his wife, Ruth, smile with delight at the start of that event on Sunday. Below left, Santa waves to the downtown crowds. Finally, Sunday evening featured the lighting of the Brickstone Tree. Below right, Brickstone owner Marty Spagat and WBZ-TV weather forecaster Barry Burbank stand in front of the tree.

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## Business gets a break

## Tax rate down; but bill goes up

By Neil Fater

**T**he average homeowner will pay \$274.08 more in local property taxes this year than last, thanks to increasing home evaluations and the Board of Selectmen's decision Monday night to shift some of the existing tax burden from businesses to residents.

Although Andover will still tax commercial and industrial property owners at a higher rate than residents, businesses will pay a 26-percent surcharge, as opposed to the 30-percent surcharge paid last year.

Selectmen's unanimous decision to use a tax factor of 1.26 means residential home

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Not mandatory — Signs encouraging commuters to avoid Ballardvale streets haven't done much good so far, say residents. But a lot of speeding tickets have slowed things down.

## Not so fast in Ballardvale

Ballardvale residents say traffic patterns haven't changed much since local police have staked out the area during rush hours. But speeding is down.

Safety Officer Bob Cronin of Andover Police says residents reported a dramatic decrease in speeding in the area since police have been enforcing traffic laws.

The details are paid for by Genetics Institute as part of a special permit for expansion. While the Genetics expansion project was not proven to generate a large increase in traffic, residents say they believe industry in the area is responsible for traffic jams on their residential streets.

Doug White, a member of the Ballardvale/Lowell Junction Road Area traffic task force, says he has noticed no decrease in volume of traffic.

"My belief was that the task force was trying to restrict or deter the traffic rather than facilitate the flow. I don't know what the role is," he says.

Selectmen voted to erect signs in the area encouraging drivers to seek alternate routes, but the detour is not enforceable by law.

The task is planning to meet next week to discuss traffic calming and counting measures, White says.

He adds that counting traffic could lead to a solution to area traffic jams.

"We should get some numbers to see if its working. There have

been no real measurements," he says.

Meanwhile, police report that they have issued 124 citations, 60 written warnings and 45 verbal warnings. An average four-hour shift would include eight stops, reports said.

Cronin says shifts varied, but were often scheduled between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. or 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Task Force member Chris Huntress says he believes that traffic patterns take a long time to change, and he doesn't expect police details to solve the Ballardvale traffic problem.

"It's useful, but it's one piece in a larger scheme of things," he says.

Huntress says he would like the task force and area Traffic Management Organization to tackle traffic issues through the town's master plan and land use planning.

"It's really a long-term project" Huntress says.

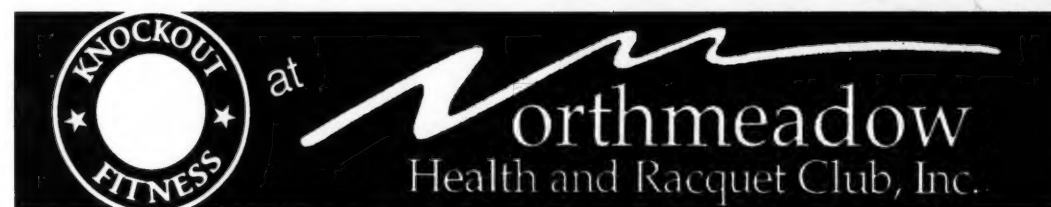
— Rebecca Lipchitz

## Finegold trying to take the Fifth?

What's in a congratulatory note?

Well, if you're in politics, it could amount to a little breach of etiquette. At least that was some of the buzz throughout the region after Andover state Rep. Barry Finegold somehow found the time to send letters of congratulations to candidates who had recently run

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# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Etch your car

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Police etch the vehicle identification number on all the windows and other parts of the car to discourage for-profit car thieves from selling parts.

The etching entitles drivers to a 15-percent reduction in their fire and

theft insurance for the vehicle. The fee for the service is \$10. For more information call Safety Officer Bob Cronin at the Andover Police Department, 475-0411, ext. 50.

## LWV sponsors online essay contest

The League of Women Voters Citizen Education Fund is sponsoring an online essay contest for students in

grades 4 through 12. The purpose of the contest is to increase interest and participation in the year 2000 elections, including the presidential primary on March 7.

Students will be grouped by grade; grades 4 and 5, 6 through 8, and 9 through 12, with essay questions specific to each category. The questions, contest rules and instructions can be found online at [www.dnet.org/MA](http://www.dnet.org/MA).

Submissions are due Jan. 15. Winners will be announced by Feb. 22. During the award event on March 5, first-, second- and third-place winners in each grade category will receive a U.S. Savings Bond and the schools of the first-place finishers will receive \$100.

All Massachusetts residents are eligible and essays must be submitted electronically.

## Web poll results

Last week's question on the *Townsmen's* Web page was, Do you agree with some residents who say the so-called "100-year flood" maps should be updated, since development along the Shawsheen River has caused such flooding to be more frequent?

With a healthy 37 online voters responding, the vote was an overwhelming yes, with 32 in favor and only five opposed.

This week's question is: Do you agree with the selectmen's reappointment of Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski for another five years?

Surf to [www.andovertownsmen.com](http://www.andovertownsmen.com) and cast your vote.

## Quote, unquote . . .

'You can't stay here, the police will shoot you.'

*Alleged purse snatcher, to her 87-year-old victim.*

'She'd have to be desperate, anyway, to do what she did, in a parking lot the day before Thanksgiving. That lot was packed with people.'

*Police Det. Charles Heseltine, of the purse snatcher, who was still at large at midweek.*

## NEWS CALENDAR

### Thursday, December 2

Merrimack Valley Advisory Commission, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6-8 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, second floor, Memorial Hall Library, hearings, 7 p.m.; deliberation, 8 p.m.

Ballardvale Lowell Junction Road Area Traffic Task Force, School Committee room, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Strategic Planning Task Force, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 5:30 p.m.

1707 Teachers Negotiating Subcommittee, Greater Lawrence Technical School, 57 River Road, 4 p.m.

Andover High School Council, school library, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road, 6 p.m.

### Monday, December 6

Board of Selectmen, CIP work session with School Committee and

Finance Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 7

School Building Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, with the Planning Board, 6:30 p.m.

School Committee, School Committee room, School Administration Building, 6:30 executive session, 7:30 regular meeting.

Conservation Commission, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:45 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 8

Senior Center Building Committee, Andover Senior Center, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, December 9

School Committee, School Committee room, School Administration Building, community meeting, 7 p.m.

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# TOWN TALK

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for city and town offices not only in his district, which includes part of Lawrence, but also in every other city and town in the, uh, Fifth Congressional district.

What could that mean? It didn't take a crystal ball for his equally ambitious House and Senate colleagues, who saw it as a bit of groundwork for a possible run for Congress — a promotion some of them might like as well.

State Sen. Jim Jajuga, D-Methuen, who had already sent notes to candidates in his district, wasted no time in cranking out congratulatory letters to others in Lowell and Lawrence, a day after Finegold.

Finegold sought to straddle the "significance" fence on the matter, saying it doesn't mean he's about to launch a campaign to unseat the current holder of the office, Marty Meehan, but acknowledging that, "It doesn't hurt to be communicating with people. And these are people I work with on various issues, from NESWC to recycling."

"I'm focused right now on being a state rep and running for reelection in 2000," he says, "but down the road you never know. I don't think it's a bad

thing to reach out to people."

He also says he doesn't think people should assume he is overly ambitious. "I think I'm hard-working," he says, "and that's something that sometimes blurs the line (with ambition)."

"But if that's the worst thing people say about me, I'll have to take it."

Finegold says he wants to concentrate now on issues such as improving recycling opportunities in Andover, including a drop-off center. He says condo owners like himself have no curbside pickup or other ways to get rid of recyclables.

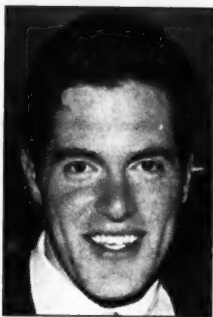
"It's taxation without representation," he says.

— Taylor Armerding

## Irish hope for peace

A few Andover residents native to Ireland are greeting the recent breakthrough in the peace process in Northern Ireland with hope and caution.

Irish nationalists and unionists



Finegold — reaching out.

agreed last week to share power in Northern Ireland's government, without requiring the Irish Republican Army to disarm.

As the balance of power began to shift this week, Andover's Mary O'Donoghue, who came to America from Ireland in 1986, says she never expected such a breakthrough.

"If someone had told me in 1999 that this would happen, I would have said 'No way,'" O'Donoghue says.

Andover's Mary Kelleher, also a native of Ireland, says she is not celebrating yet.

"It's not a done deal. It takes a long time to change what is in the hearts and minds of people," she says, paraphrasing Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams.

The real change will come if the IRA disarms their military forces, she says.

Kelleher and O'Donoghue agree that one major factor that made the agreement possible now rather than before is the booming economy in southern Ireland.

"I have always felt that when the English and Irish economies were on par with each other is when the problem could be solved," Kelleher says.

The south of Ireland is experiencing a booming economy, partly fueled by American high-tech companies looking to take advantage of Ireland's young,

educated work force and gain a foothold in European markets, O'Donoghue says.

The threat of violence in Northern Ireland has left the region out of growth and prosperity, she says.

"It all boils down to the economy. They are realizing there is another world out there and they are going to be left behind," O'Donoghue says.

O'Donoghue says she had never visited Northern Ireland when she lived in Ireland, but may consider it if the area had gone without violent incident for a year.

She suspects that southern Irish are more excited, while residents of Northern Ireland are more wary.

"Ex-pats like myself are excited at the prospect that the past can be left in the past," she says.

Kelleher agrees.

"For the most part, people just want to move on," she says, but adds that living in the south of Ireland, she never experienced the violence of Northern Ireland.

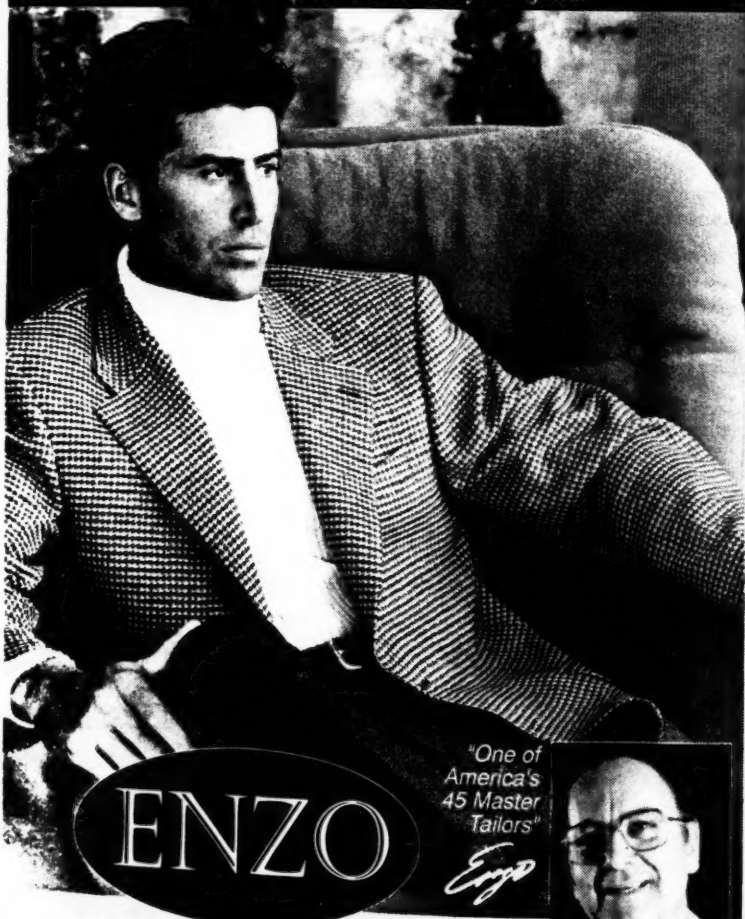
"I had to come to America to see a gun, but I still call Ireland home," she says.

O'Donoghue says she is encouraged by the agreement and impressed by the progress made.

"At least they're talking to each other. They may not agree on everything, but they're learning they can have differing opinions and still get together and come up with solutions that work for the most part. But seeing Sinn Fein and the Unionists sit down together, to me, is unbelievable," she says.

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## TOWN TALK

Kelleher says that while the economy has influenced the political process, former U.S. Senator from Maine George Mitchell was a key.

Mitchell mediated the Good Friday peace agreement that led to this week's compromise.

Kelleher became friends with a former Andover family originally from Northern Ireland.

"Our paths probably would never have crossed in Ireland, but we had more in common with them than difference from them, but you had to go away from (Ireland) to realize that," she says.

## New firefighters graduate

Four new Andover firefighters — Kyle P. Murphy, Keith D. Weightman, Jeffrey B. Wells and Brian Wright — graduated Monday, Nov. 29, with the 132nd class

of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's 55-day recruit program.

The training provides basic firefighting skills, and is offered tuition free by the Massachusetts Fire Academy. It includes classroom instruction, physical fitness training, and firefighter skills training and practice.

Fire Chief Harold Wright notes that the course also teaches skills that go beyond fighting fires. "Today's firefighters do far more than fight fires," he says. They are the first ones called to respond to chemical and environmental emergencies ranging from the suspected presence of carbon monoxide to a gas leak. They may be called to rescue a child who has fallen through the ice, or who has locked himself in a bathroom."

The academy curriculum includes instruction in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, water rescue procedures, confined space rescue and rappelling.

## CMGI stock jumps again, on AltaVista/Raging Bull deal

Andover's hottest Internet company, CMGI Inc., did what it seems to do best again this week, when its Internet portal company AltaVista acquired Raging Bull this past Monday, another Andover company that runs a financial Web service. CMGI owns 83 percent of AltaVista, and has a minority interest in Raging Bull.

Details of the stock-for-stock exchange were not released, since both companies are privately held. But CMGI stock, which had dipped into the 80s in recent months, is almost back to its 52-week high of 165. It was hovering around 155 this week, a 6-percent gain from prior to the AltaVista/Raging Bull announcement.

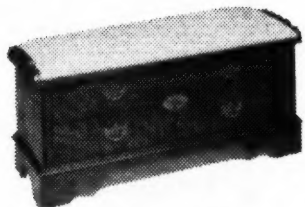
Company officials said Raging Bull's headquarters would be moved to Palo Alto, Calif., but that its operations will remain in Andover. Currently, Raging Bull employs 55 people, and AltaVista employs 600.

The two companies had already been working together, since a strategic partnership announced in August, that enabled AltaVista users to link to Raging Bull's financial message boards. Even after the merger, Raging Bull will maintain its own Web site, which currently has 1.7-million users and 10,000 message boards.

The move will make AltaVista the ninth largest network on the Web, with 40 million users.

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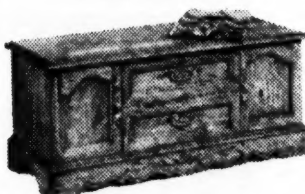


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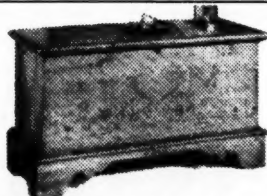


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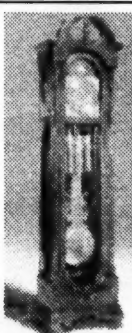


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## Another hearing set in Doherty bomb threat

The Andover student arrested May 24 and accused of making a bomb threat at the Doherty Middle School is scheduled for a hearing in Juvenile Court in January.

The hearing will determine whether or not the student, a female aged 14 at the time of the arrest, would be tried by a jury or at a bench trial, according to Steve O'Connell, a spokesman for Essex County District Attorney Kevin Burke.

The girl allegedly wrote a message on a third-floor girls bathroom wall at Doherty saying, "Trouble, June 8" in mid-May, about a month after the shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

Shortly after a school assembly set to reassure students, another message written on the bathroom wall said, "You think I'm kidding. June 8. Bombs are set."

Police Sgt. John Bernhardt said at the time that police called in a handwriting expert from J.T. Consultants of Acton. The analysis led to the arrest.

—Rebecca Lipchitz

## Police seek holiday purse snatcher

By Neil Fater

Despite a stack of photos of possible culprits, police are still searching for the woman who knocked down an 87-year-old Andover woman and stole her purse on Nov. 24, the day before Thanksgiving.

The alleged purse snatcher ended up with only \$10, say police.

Before stealing the purse in the Shawsheen Plaza parking lot, police say the young, white robber yelled, "You can't stay here, the police will shoot you."

"It sounds like she's messed up. She'd have to be desperate, anyway, to do what she did, in a parking lot the day before Thanksgiving. That lot was packed with people," says Detective Charlie Heseltine.

The alleged robber has been described to police as a thin, white female in her late 20s or early 30s, with dirty blonde hair worn in a ponytail and sunken, pockmarked cheeks. She wore a white jacket and dark jogging pants.



Police composite

track down the getaway vehicle.

"We've been all over Lawrence, all over the whole area, handing out our bulletins and talking to the patrol officers and talking to some real beauties over there," says Heseltine.

"We've shown a bunch of pictures to the victim and to two witnesses, but we haven't come up with anything yet," says Wallace.

Since the robbery, police have been pursuing possible leads offered by area police and the public. Displaying a number of photos of possible suspects and a list of car license plates, Detective William Wallace says Andover police are also using their computer system to

Wallace says two people driving into Shawsheen Plaza Nov. 24 saw the assault occur in the small parking lot between the large plaza lot and the lot for First Essex Bank on North Main Street.

"The witnesses tried to pull in front (of the robber's car) and stop her car, but she pulled around them," he says.

The witnesses saw the robber take a right out of the Shawsheen Plaza lot, heading north on Route 28, toward Lawrence.

The purse was found about an hour after the attack in Lawrence, at the corner of Bradford and Broadway, which Wallace describes as "a big drug-activity area."

Police say the elderly woman robbed of her purse was not severely injured physically.

"She was assaulted and knocked to the ground by the (purse snatcher). The older woman tried to keep her from taking the purse and she struggled a little bit," says Heseltine. "She had bruises on both arms, around the wrist area."

Four checks made out to the victim, and \$10, were missing from the purse when it was recovered.

"We haven't gotten any calls from banks that she's tried to cash those checks at all," says Heseltine.

Police say the victim's son called banks after the robbery to make sure the checks were canceled.

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# New construction manager starts this week

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Andover's new Construction Project Manager Phillip Tuminelli has supervised many projects over the years, from preschools to prisons, but his favorites are school buildings and renovations.

Tuminelli managed construction projects for the City of Boston for more than 10 years before coming to Andover. He replaces David Harding, who resigned in September to take a job on the West Coast.

The Wentworth Institute Technology graduate began working in Andover on Monday. Tuminelli earned a degree in building and construction from Wentworth before working for Boston as a clerk of the works, a project manager, and as a manager of construction projects for the state.

With the help of a search team including the Superintendent of Schools Claudia Bach, Fire Chief Harold Wright and Police Chief Brian Pattullo, Andover's Director of Plant and Facilities Joe Piantedosi chose Tuminelli.

The full-time, temporary position calls for managing the construction of two proposed schools for Cross Street and High Plain Road, the renovation of Phillips Academy's Williams Hall as the Andover Senior Center, and the construction of a new public safety center.

Tuminelli says after completing several prison projects, he is looking forward to working on a school project.

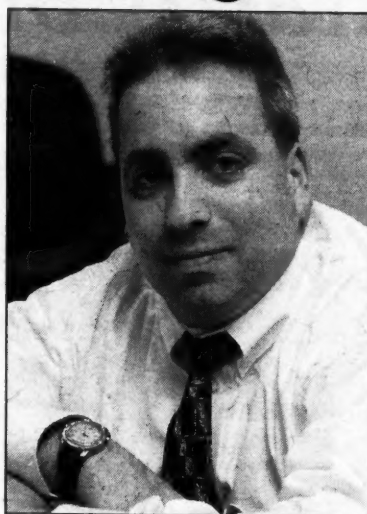
"It's incredible to walk into a building and see the kids' faces when they see the fresh paint," he says of completing school projects.

His most recent school project was an early-learning center on Blue Hill Avenue in Boston.

Tuminelli says he also enjoys construction management projects because he can see the project from concept to completion, unlike contractors.

Piantedosi says Tuminelli's experience with public-sector building projects is valuable because public projects involve complicated legal requirements such as putting several subcontracts out to bid.

Massachusetts law, which requires the hiring of the low bidder on public projects, regardless of a contractor's reputation, can sometimes be a challenge



Phillip Tuminelli

for project managers, Piantedosi says.

"It forces people to work together who may not have worked together before," Piantedosi says.

Tuminelli's experience working with many contractors in the state will help to keep Andover projects running smoothly, Piantedosi says. Tuminelli, who grew up in Medford and now lives in Dorchester, says his favorite project was a renovation of a municipal building in Jamaica Plain into a community center, with a pool lined in Italian tile.

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The school project is in its second phase, of design and development, Piantedosi says. The project is being reviewed by the Planning Board and Conservation Commission, and will be complete enough to produce cost estimates by the end of December, he says.

The town is expected to be asked to vote on a debt exclusion article to pay for construction of the schools in May

next year. If the project is approved it should proceed on scheduled and be built by the fall of 2002, Piantedosi says.

The public safety center plan hit a snag when the proposal to build a vehicle maintenance garage received no bidders.

"It's a sign of the times," Piantedosi says.

The public safety center is in design development stage, and is expected to be constructed in late spring, he says.

Piantedosi expects cost estimates in December, and complete drawings in February.

The Senior Center renovation of Will Hall on the Phillips Academy Campus was recently redesigned, to avoid tearing down the rear half of the building and replacing it with a large addition, Piantedosi says.

The new plan would leave the building intact, and add a small room on the back to accommodate the kitchen, he says.

The expected completion date for the senior center project is dependent upon how much money is raised by the Friends of the Andover Seniors, Piantedosi says.

"We will not progress beyond the construction design phase without 100 percent of the funds," he says.

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## It's the vision thing

The Board of Selectmen's reappointment of Buzz Stapczynski to another five-year term as town manager went down Monday night with neither a bang nor a whimper, neither much sound nor any fury — very quietly, in other words.

Maybe that's just fine. Stapczynski is a likable person who works hard, clearly cares about the town and usually has the foresight to have a list of accomplishments handy any time selectmen start wondering if he's been effective. Beyond that, he's demonstrated the political survival skills any town manager needs if he hopes to maintain the same address for any period of time.

Stapczynski deserves congratulations on all those counts.

Yet amid the calm created by this "non-confrontational" style is an undercurrent of unease — that the town is reactive rather than proactive, that there is not enough vision or direction.

Who's fault is that? Well, it may partially be just because democracy tends to be a bit messy. Not everybody agrees on how, or where, to build a senior center. So it takes a long time to get it done — and apparently an even longer time to raise the money.

Same for a youth center, with a couple of competing plans now on the table because there are different ideas about the best way to do it and where to put it.

But it may also be due in part to a lack of agreement, or understanding, of the roles of those in local government. And both selectmen and the manager can share some of the blame for that.

The "vision" of what the town should be, where it should go, what it should build, should come from elected officials — the Board of Selectmen and School Committee. The job of the town manager or a schools superintendent is to carry out that direction.

Yet, on a regular basis, Stapczynski is criticized for a lack of vision.

That's not his job. His job is to take direction from the board and carry it out. If he doesn't, then he deserves to worry about his job security. So far, the selectmen don't seem to get that.

Instead, they apparently want him to do their job. They were elected to be visionaries, and to communicate that to the manager and the rest of the town.

That something worthy of a confrontation.



Photo by Lawrence Kushner

Celebrating the fall — Irena Kushner (left) and her friend, Julia Harvey, raked up this big pile of leaves in Irena's backyard, and then jumped in and asked her dad to take a picture.

## Calamitous crushing of the holiday spirit



Taylor Armerding

You've probably just gotten back from the mall, or from Main Street, where you've heard some kind of rendition of *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year*.

Don't believe it. This is a grim time of year. Very grim.

Yes, yes, I know all about the festive atmosphere, the rosy cheeks, the aerobic exhilaration, the pitter-patter of thousands of big and little feet and the thousands of apple pies that were brought to Andover by the Feaster Five on Thanksgiving Day. You can see pictures of all that stuff in this very paper this very week.

Yes, I know all about gathering with friends and loved ones to celebrate the blessings of another year. Yes, I can see the Christmas lights casting a classic, understated glow on the downtown.

Yes, yes, yes I know there was a Santa Parade last Sunday. I know that what they claim is the world's tallest Christmas Tree was put in place at

Brickstone Square on Sunday as well, and television weather personality Barry Burbank switched the lights fantastic.

Yes, yes, yes, I know there are hundreds of people out there "giving back to the community" during this season. Believe me, I know. They, or their press agents, are calling every five minutes suggesting that this generosity needs to receive heavy publicity.

I used to be like most of you. I used to get lulled into complacency by stuff like that. In spite of the cold, I used to walk around outside with a smile on my face, humming holiday tunes because, after all, it was the holiday season. I used to actually believe I was *Walkin' in a Winter Wonderland*.

But then I became a newspaper editor, where one of the most important jobs is opening a large mound of mail every morning. And after doing that for a few years, I slowly (we newspeople tend to be slow picking up on trends — did you know there's this new thing for computer users called the Internet?) came to the realization that I had been in denial. That there is a reason why the days are short and the nights are long. That this is a dark time of year, a dangerous time of year, a stressful, dysfunctional time of year.

Don't start calling me Scrooge. I didn't make this up. The evidence comes from others, and lands on my desk almost every day.

The press releases start out some-

thing like this: "Most people think the holiday season is a time of good cheer, a time for giving and receiving gifts, a time of vacations, relaxation and fun."

"Yes, it is all of those things. But for the (fill in name of group here), the holidays can be the most difficult time of the entire year."

And let's just stipulate up front that we're not talking about the "truly needy" here. These press releases are coming from outfits that are simply using the holidays as a marketing device, to snag more business not from the poor, but from people who have a little problem with impulse control.

For example:

• Buying gifts: Sure, that's what Christmas ... uh ... "the holidays" are supposedly all about. But for "some people" it is a treacherous path to what one press release euphemistically calls "an unmanageable financial situation."

Or, in other words, debt up to your eyeballs.

This is especially true, says a helpful credit counseling company, now that online shopping makes it possible to avoid the traffic, the crowds and the long lines at the mall. As anyone who thinks about it might expect, you can "visit" a lot more stores online more quickly than you can at the mall. As you might expect, "credit card charges can add up quickly."

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# Letters

## Remember the true holiday spirit

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Once again it's the holiday season, and we are reminded of loved ones, the spirit of giving and, most of all, the faces of those receiving. The holiday season always makes me happy, with the smells of turkeys cooking, the twinkling of Christmas lights against the sparkling snow and the laughter and smiles of family members and friends. When I think of the holiday season, I think of warmth, comfort, giving and receiving, the spirit of the holidays, and days off from work and school. Unfortunately, I am also reminded of the hustle and bustle involved in Christmas shopping.

My sister and I enjoy shopping, but when it comes time to shop for Christmas, it seems as though the giving spirit gets lost among fellow shoppers and store clerks. I can understand how shoppers can be irritable and pushy. It starts when you're trying to find a parking space, then you want to find the perfect gifts, but so does everyone else, and lastly you've been waiting in line at the register for what seems like an eternity.

Not to mention the fact that you've been pushed and dodging people left and right trying to get your hands on the toy causing the latest craze. So there you are, running late for the babysitter, your date or your favorite TV show, because you're stuck in a line of traffic, as if a concert was just let out.

On the flip side, we must be thankful for the store clerks who cater to us from the so-called "busiest shopping day of the year" to the last hour of business on Christmas Eve, especially those last-minute shoppers like me. I have never worked in retail before, so I can only imagine how grueling it can be for the store clerks.

I was quite shocked, well actually sickened, to know that some retail stores were open on Thanksgiving Day. Since when is working part of the Thanksgiving spirit? First of all, who is going to go shopping on a holiday dedicated to giving thanks. Secondly, why should anyone miss out or have to reschedule their Thanksgiving feast for the sake of work.

When we reflect on the holiday season, we should remember the ones we love, the gifts that bring smiles to those we cherish and the spirit and magic of Thanksgiving and Christmas. We should remember the true spirit of the holiday season, and the countless hours and days that the store clerks have been working to make our shopping a little easier.

Lauren Hajjar  
88 Farrwood Ave.

## Praise for local firefighters

Editor, *Townsmen*:

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," Charles Dickens once

## Central Catholic is trying to 'abduct' AHS students

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The Nov. 24 edition of the *Townsmen* contains an ad (page 15) that promotes the advantages of attending a school that touts itself as "the very best place to learn and grow," a place capable of "nurturing the whole person," "a talented, caring faculty." This school attempts to enroll Andover students for its own religious agenda. Recruitment is one thing; exaggerations and distortions are another.

Having taught in the Andover school system for the last 30-plus years, I am offended by the implications and intent of an ad in our local newspaper that attempts to use religion and distortions to lure Andover students to a school one town away.

Objective citizens in the Merrimack Valley have recognized for years that Central Catholic successfully recruits scholar-athletes away from the public schools, to the detriment of many local academic and athletic programs. Adding insult to injury, the very students who leave our public schools then compete as "ringers" against their home town "friends"; the level playing field becomes a myth.

Those who favor public support of private and charter schools please take notice. In this example, we have the most cogent reasons against using public tax dollars for private education. Public school students should not have to compete athletically against those who have been "plucked from the Andover tree."

Public tax money for a private school that "promises the moon" with a religious elixir, ("religious and moral formation rooted in the love of Jesus")? Public funds for a school that uses religion as a carrot to recruit students by advertising in our newspaper? Since when does religious freedom extend to "in-your-face" media tactics?

The ad in last week's *Townsmen* (you need to see it to understand why it is so offensive), features in ultra-bold print,

wrote. Ten years have past since I awoke to realize my newborn daughter, Sarah (Pearson) and I were trapped in the second-floor bedroom of our burning home at 2 Temple Place.

We survived because of the bravery and expertise of the Andover firefighters, who rescued us through a window and down a ladder. I handed three-week-old Sarah gladly into the waiting arm of a stranger in whom I had complete confidence. While my only thought was getting us out, I looked down in wonder as these brave souls, breaking in doors and windows, were as determined to get in.

We have been privileged these past 10

the word "Nurturing." By implication, Andover High School does not fit this model; I beg to differ. We not only nurture our students as family, we teach and counsel without religiosity.

The implied message of Central's ad is that somehow religion is the difference; that there is time in the school day to include the catechism. State-mandated frameworks and MCAS testing are a quality control in our school. For a school like Central to brag in bold print: "a college acceptance rate of 98 percent" is ludicrous. Their student body is handpicked from surrounding towns.

For Central Catholic to purposely enter our domain pretending superiority based on moral high ground is more than insulting. For a private school to use religion as enticement, as a rationale for a student to leave public education, treads on hallowed, Constitutional ground.

Separation of church and state is more than an empty, abstract concept. It should be respected both ways. If the Andover school system began using perks in a *Tribune* ad campaign to attract Central students, imagine the righteous indignation that would occur.

Condescending airs based on sanctimonious pretense create eminence fronts. Interpretation: "Holier than thou" attitudes are as phony as smoke and mirrors illusions. To use such tactics in the *Townsmen* is an insult to the intelligence of Andover residents. A paid editorial under the guise of advertising may fool some of the people, some of the time. "If it looks like a duck, if it walks like a duck, if it quacks like a duck, it's a duck." Would Sun Myung Moon or Black Muslims receive the same favored status in the strategic placement of their "ads?" Good neighbors don't enter your home to abduct your children.

Charles Wettergreen  
English teacher  
Andover High School

become a swimmer. We have celebrated 10 birthdays and Christmases and first days of school like other children. Sarah is now a thriving fourth-grader in Mrs. Wu's class at Bancroft.

While we no longer live on Temple Place, we are still (and probably will) always be fire-safety conscious. We moved to Lucerne Drive two years ago where we don't even have a second floor. We have a hard-wired fire alarm system with a direct line to the fire station, and a battery-operated alarm in case the power goes out.

We added a door to a bedroom whose windows were too small and too high to escape through. We have fire extinguishers and an escape plan, and our four older children, who weren't home during the fire, are getting pretty tired of alarms, extinguishers and escape ladders for Christmas presents.

Having lived close by the fire station, I had become accustomed to the frequent wail of sirens when the trucks were leaving for a call. Some people think the sound is scary. But from the other side, I can tell you that the wail becomes the sweetest melody when you are waiting to hear it. When I did hear it, I was thrilled and reassured that they were coming to save my child (and me), and that I wouldn't have to jump or drop Sarah, whose weak and tiny spine and neck wouldn't have survived.

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The fire having happened just three weeks after Sarah's birth and two days before Thanksgiving, it is a holiday that will always hold special meaning for our entire family. We are grateful for the help we received from so many.

Lynda McNeil  
Brad, Holly, Laura, Adam, Joy  
and especially Sarah

## Don't let 'uninformed' vote on hotels

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Asking the uninformed to "vote" on whether or not Andover needs more hotel rooms (*Townsmen* Web page question, Nov. 18) is like asking a kindergarten class to vote on whether a kitten is a male or a female.

The necessary information has little to do with whether or not Andover "needs more hotel rooms." What does matter is the regional needs and where access is.

As a hotel and restaurant reviewer/surveyor in the northeast Mass area for a national quality-rated travel guide 1996-1998, I experienced first-

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# LETTERS

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hand the rapid increase in demand and concurrent shortage of hotel rooms in our region. The investment in this relatively "clean" business that is a good taxpayer will go where it is welcomed.

Michael Frishman  
230 Andover St.

## A plug for the MV Philharmonic

Editor, *Townsman*:

My family and I are new residents to the Andover area and as a music lover and classically-trained musician I was thrilled to discover a local orchestra.

I am honored to have become involved with the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic and join in its quest to deliver high quality musical performances to local audiences.

In my short association with the MVP, it has been observed that the group receives little press coverage, so you might imagine my surprise at the recent area coverage of the newly founded Essex Symphony Orchestra. It became clear to me there was a need to inform or remind the communities of our long tradition with the MVP.

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popular holiday programs. Past highlights include invitations to perform the opening concert for the City of Lawrence's 150th anniversary in 1997 and more recently to be the featured group at the 1999 July 4th celebration at Castle Hill, Ipswich. The MVP also provides outreach programs to local youth organizations and scholarship funds for students pursuing musical studies.

Clearly, despite the current climate of reduced public and private funding, the

orchestra demonstrates its staying power. We are grateful for all the past support and look forward to making more and more music.

The MVP's 1999-2000 season program of concerts is established and information may be obtained by calling (978) 685-3505 or writing P.O. Box 512, Lawrence, MA 01842.

Ann Cobleigh  
Board of Directors  
MVP Society Inc.  
21 Magnolia Ave.

## Holiday ...

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So what you need to do is contact this particular credit counseling company for help — and put *their* bill on your credit card.

That's not all. Yet another credit counseling company hits us with the word that, if you put \$841 on your credit card and then only make minimum payments, it will take you as much as 13 years to pay it off. Sounds pretty unlucky, huh?

"The holiday spirit tends to knock many people out of their good spending habits," the company says.

Feeling better about the spirit of giving yet??

• Food: People don't just load up on debt. "Some people" load up on calories as well.

So this is a very, uh, fat time of year for the weight-loss industry. Financially fat, I mean, of course. They probably sign up half their customers during the season.

Did you know that the average adult gains about six pounds between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day?

Maybe that doesn't sound like too much, but remember, that's the average. There are probably "some people" out there who gain

two or three times that. What if one of them is you? Do you really think this is a joyful time of year?

Just in case you're not worried enough about this, there is also the word that in America, obesity has reached epidemic "proportions" (now there's an appropriate word).

• Great expectations, not-so-great realities: If you're not depressed enough already, area psychological associations are here to remind us that we can get even more traumatized if our "inflated expectations" for the holidays don't come true.

And of course, rather than taking a brisk walk, reading a good book or something like that, there are a whole new host of holiday meds that are too long to pronounce and too difficult to spell. Reminds me of that wonderful line from a song by folksinger Cheryl Wheeler: "Is it peace, or is it Prozac?"

Just the sort of question we should be asking during the holiday season.

There's more, of course, but you get the idea. If you're happy, you're really just in denial.

Probably I am. But considering the alternative, I'm starting to think that denial could actually be a very good thing.

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Talk back to Taylor Armerding at [tarmerding@andovertownsman.com](mailto:tarmerding@andovertownsman.com)

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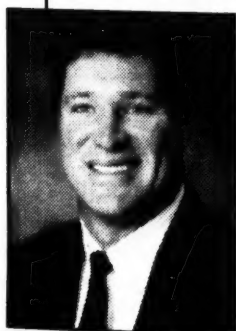


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# Education

## Schools need space, specialists to face future

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Overcrowding and the need for counselors and specialists dominated discussions of goals and priorities as School Councils delivered their School Improvement Plans to the School Committee this week.

Superintendent Dr. Claudia Bach says modern education is more concerned with meeting students' needs, as the method of retaining students becomes increasingly unpopular.

"The idea is to get every child through," Bach says.

New curriculum requirements demand a combination of classroom teaching and specialized instruction, she says.

Even with the addition of specialists in media and technology, reading teachers and adjustment counselors, new methods require a broader range of teaching skills from classroom teachers, she says.

"In the school of the '90s, and the next millennium, these are not extras," says Bach.

School Committee member Dick Collins says that many of his contemporaries went on to work, often in mills, or served in the military rather than study at a college or university. Some went to work before they graduated from high school, he says.

"Today we are seriously attempting to educate all of our children," Collins says.

Committee member Skip Eccles says that the philosophy of education is that students need more attention, and cited two requests from Andover schools this year for a phone system that places telephones in classrooms.

"Now teachers want to get on the phone with parents," Eccles says, citing a shift in the way parents and teachers communicate.

While all schools are dealing with changes in how education is delivered, Andover schools are also dealing with how to do it in less space, principals say.

Several schools requested enrollment caps, citing enrollments more than 50 or 100 students above maximum capacity for the school.

Collins discouraged such a decision, saying that to cap enrollment at one school means other schools are unfairly responsible for an influx of students.

Shawsheen Integrated Primary School of preschool, kindergarten, and first- and second-graders, has comparable class sizes to

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**Aiming high** — Molly Gentz, of Andover, climbs 50 feet to a tree top at the Hulbert Outdoor Center in Fairlee, Vt. on a field trip from the Clark School for Creative Learning in Danvers.

## Councils deliver Improvement Plans

School Councils, established by law under the Education Reform Act, are required to address specific goals in their annual School Improvement Plans.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Marinel McGrath says the nine elements that must be reviewed in each school plan are considered by the Department of Education to be the nine elements that make a school effective.

Councils are responsible for assessing the effect of class size and student to teacher ratios on student performance; a plan to reduce class size; professional development; parental involvement; school safety and discipline; a school environment of acceptance; extra-curricular activities; means for meeting diverse learning needs of students; and other items the council feels need to be addressed.

School Council members highlighted accomplishments of the past year, and outlined priorities for next year at presentations to the School Committee this week.

West Middle School last year added a programs including drama for grade 6 and the Bridge of Kindness community service project with the help of volunteers. They made requests for four classroom teachers and more than five part-

time staff members.

Doherty Middle School plan requests five modular classrooms, as it did last year. Reducing student to teacher ratios are "one of the greatest challenges facing Doherty Middle School at this time," according to the plan. They also requested a second assistant principal.

Bancroft Elementary School was praised for its creative use of space in dealing with overcrowding in an open-classroom format. They are requesting support including a reading resource teacher and a covered walkway between their modular classroom and the main building.

Assistant Principal Brenda O'Brien says that having students put on coats and boots to go in and out of the building several times a day significantly cuts into classroom time.

Sanborn Elementary School cited a lack of planning space, and the need for teachers to eat lunch in the media center. School Committee Chairman Eric Nadworny praised their Web site for being informative. A new outdoor classroom opened this year, and was dedicated to the late teacher Candy Bachner.

South Elementary School cited many new programs with the help of many community members, and hopes to establish a

supervised "homework hangout" program after school staffed with volunteers.

West Elementary School outlined the use of their theme, the Four C's: "caring cooperation, consideration and character." The first priority for West El is class size and the second is specialists to help address the needs of a diverse student body. They also request improvements to the ventilation system.

Shawsheen Integrated Primary School requested additional time from their adjustment counselor, who now visits once a week. More and more students need help from the counselor, who has limited or no time to meet with parents and teachers on her current schedule, says Principal Terry Murphy.

The school also requests an updated intercom system to replace the current system, which is operated by talking into a speaker on the ceiling. The system offers no privacy in conversation, Murphy says.

Andover High School Interim Principal Bruce MacDonald outlined accomplishments of the past council, including increasing graduation requirements and updating the school handbook, before presenting a revision of last year's plan, says Superintendent of Schools Dr. Claudia Bach.



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## Space and specialists needed for all schools

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other elementary schools, but half the space for the number of classes, says Committee member Eric Nadworny.

Priorities for most School Councils focused on staffing and professional development, but also included capital improvement requests, which many principals say are needed to deal with space issues.

Bancroft teacher Kathleen O'Brien says that MCAS testing rules require students to take the test in a closed classroom, the type of space that is rare at the open-classroom style Bancroft Elementary. The requirement involves much student shuffling at test time, she says.

Collins says space was an issue for every school.

"You can't not see how important it is that we build these two new schools," Collins says.

Eccles agrees that lack of space was the main concern.

"I think it dwarfs all the other issues," he says.

School Committee member Tina Girdwood says the use of space is becoming more crucial to how students are educated. "It's integral," she says.

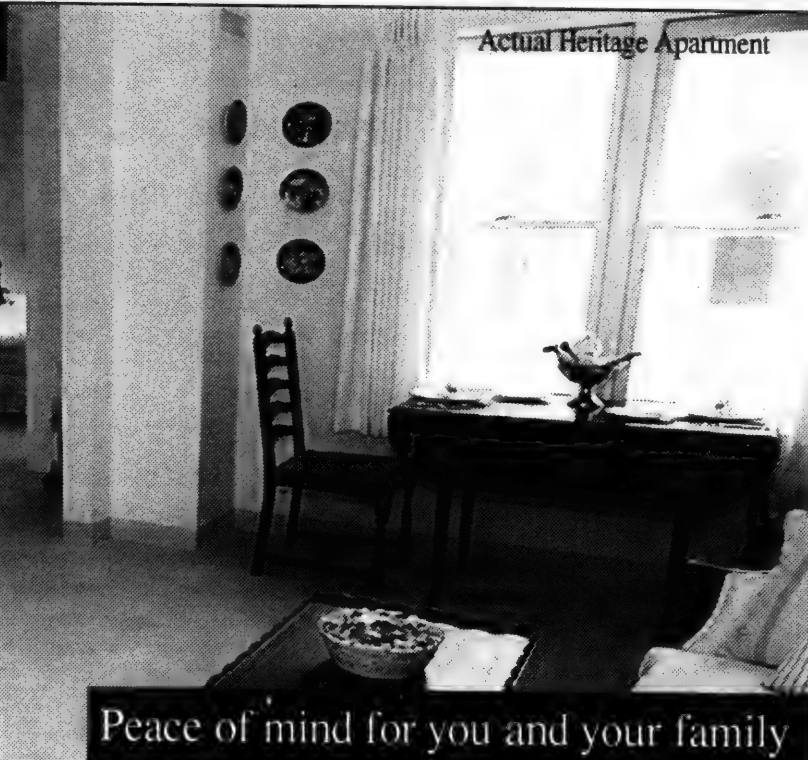
Bancroft is one of several schools requesting a reading resource teacher, a teacher who specializes in working with young elementary students learning to read.

While students who require academic enrichment or special education plans have specialists working with them, average students are being left behind, says McCarthy.

"That responsibility usually falls on the classroom teacher, but we need to close the gap for some of the average kids," McCarthy says.

Bancroft Assistant Principal Brenda O'Brien, who recently attended an educational seminar at Lesley College, says all the discussions emphasized the need for specialists, especially in reading instruction for the early grades.

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## Feds fund one teacher

A Federal plan to help reduce class sizes across the country brought \$54,000 in grant money to Andover for next year.

The same award this year funded an additional teacher for West Elementary School, according to Assistant Superintendent Marinel McGrath.

Next year, the money will go toward a teaching position, where ever it may be needed, she says.

According to a release from U.S. Rep. Marty Meehan (D-Lowell), the grant is part of \$3 million in Federal money specifically awarded to the Merrimack Valley region to help reduce class size.

Towns in the area received varying amounts of aid.



# SCHOOL TALK

Andover Center Association will hold its annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.

"Have breakfast and have your picture taken with Santa. Let him know what you would like to find under your Christmas tree," organizers said.

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Cub Scout Pack 77 will hold a mistletoe-and-potpourri sale Saturday, Dec. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at Old Town Hall, Andover Bank, Memorial Hall Library, Wild Harvest and Shawsheen Plaza.

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Debbie Anderson has been named head of lower school at Pike School. She has served as interim head since Judith Mosedale, the former head, became head at Hunter-McGuire School in Verona, Va., in July.

In announcing her appointment this week, John M.

Waters, Pike's head of school, noted that the planned search for candidates to fill the position of head of lower school has been called off.

In the four months that Anderson has been interim head, the praise from administrative colleagues, teaching staff and parents of her students has been such that Waters knew the best candidate for the position "was already on staff," a spokesperson said.

Anderson, a graduate of Colby College, has her M.Ed. from Lesley College. She joined the Pike faculty in 1996.

As head of lower school, she oversees a staff of 14 teachers and 123 students in kindergarten through grade 2.

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Jim Montague, director of guidance and counseling services for the College Board, will deliver a presentation on Monday, Dec. 6, to Andover High School sophomores, juniors

Plimoth Plantation recently visited first-grade students at South School. The children learned about life in 1627 Plimoth. Sean Sawyer and Amber Proudly, students in Winnie Schwartz's class, dressed in period clothing. Common household items, toys, natural medicine and early school books offered a glimpse of everyday life in the 1600s. ▶

Photo by Stephanie Deady



and parents on how to interpret PSAT scores and plan for the SAT. The event will be held in the Collins Center beginning at 7 p.m.

PSAT scores will be delivered to the High School in early December. Each student receives a copy of the booklet, "About Your PSAT/NMSQT Scores," as well as a Report of Student Answers and used test

booklet. PSAT scores are useful in targeting strengths and weaknesses in preparation for the SAT. Juniors who score within the top 1 percent of all

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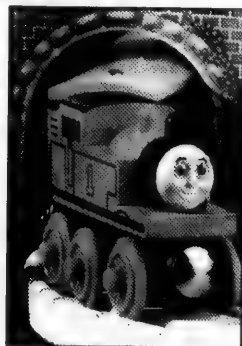
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Here's what's for lunch at Andover public schools the week of Dec. 5-10:

### Elementary schools

**Monday:** Pork chops with mashed potatoes, pizza, french toast sticks with ham, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Tuesday:** Cheeseburger with fries, pizza stick with soft pretzel, baked chicken nuggets with puffs, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Wednesday:** Chicken with gravy over rice, pizza, french toast sticks with sausage, vegetable, fruit, pudding, milk.

**Thursday:** Baked macaroni and cheese, pizza stick with soft pretzel, baked chicken nuggets with puffs, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Friday:** Tuna on a roll with nacho chips, pizza, hot dog with fries, vegetable, fruit, milk.

### Doherty Middle School

**Monday:** Pork chops with mashed potatoes, baked chicken nuggets, stuffed crust pizza, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Tuesday:** Beef teriyaki over rice, two hot dogs on a roll, chicken McSchool, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Wednesday:** Chicken with gravy over rice, baked chicken nuggets, stuffed crust pizza, vegetable, fruit, pudding, milk.

**Thursday:** Baked macaroni and cheese, cheeseburger with fries, nachos with cheese and salsa, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Friday:** Tuna on a roll with nacho chips, baked chicken nuggets, stuffed crust pizza, vegetable, fruit, milk.

### Secondary schools

**Monday:** Pork chops with potatoes, pasta, stuffed crust pizza, ham or bologna sub, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Tuesday:** Beef teriyaki over rice, pasta, stuffed crust pizza, ham or bologna sub, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Wednesday:** Chicken with gravy over rice, pasta, stuffed crust pizza, ham or bologna sub, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Thursday:** Baked macaroni with cheese, pasta, stuffed crust pizza, ham or bologna sub, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Friday:** Beef-and-cheese sub, stuffed crust pizza, pasta, ham or bologna sub, vegetable, fruit, milk.

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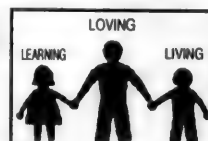
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Bruce MacDonald, interim principal of Andover High School, announced that Britta Anson, David Mason, Bryan Okamoto, Alyssa Saunders and Dorothy Stowe have been named semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. These students scored within the top 1 percent of all juniors taking the PSAT. Finalist selection is based on academic performance, SAT scores, a student essay, and school recommendation.

Five Andover High School seniors have been named Commended Students: Dasha Bolotina, David Krasik, Andrew Lapsa, Rebecca

Rouse and Amy Weiner. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corp., which conducts the program, will be presented to these scholastically talented seniors.

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Pedro's Judo Club of Andover scored wins at the 18th annual Charles A. Chaves Memorial Judo Tournament held Nov. 13 in Medford.

Third-place trophy in the Junior Division went to Jared Smith, 9, of Haverhill. Second place trophies went to Torey Nicholson, 14, Kimberly Chandler, 12, Akira Sembommatsu, 8, and Shirley Yacubowicz, 13, all

of Andover; Brianna Sullivan, 8, of Medford, Gordon Smith, 11, of Haverhill, and Cody Byrd, 9, of Nashua, N.H.

First place trophies went to Crosby Nicholson, 6, and Sharon Yacubowicz, both of Andover, Alex Sciolla, 12, of North Andover, Robert Sullivan, 9, of Medford, John Sughrue, 9, and Kevin Sughrue, 8, both of Methuen.

Outstanding Junior Competitor awards went to Sharon Yacubowicz and Kevin Sughrue. Pedro's Judo Club took home the Junior Team trophy for most points. Also competing for the junior team were Michaela Iannazzi, 11, and Andrew Iannazzi, 14, both of Andover, and Kathryn Sawyer, 13, of Lowell.

Senior Division trophies were awarded to George Pessimissis of Worcester, third place, Dmitry Peysakhov of Lexington, second place, and Will Payne of Andover, first place. Also competing for the senior team were Blaise Aguirre of Lexington, and Michael Crawford of Andover.

Pedro's Judo Club will host

the Massachusetts State Judo Championships on March 12 at West Middle School.

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The following is a list of students from Andover featured in *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99*: Brendan Ahern, Jennifer Anzaldi, Kevin T. Barry, April

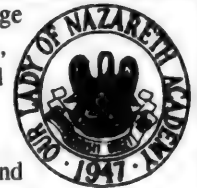
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# News

## Selectmen say no to menorah at Old Town Hall

By Neil Fater

Selectmen Monday squelched a congregation's request to put a six-foot lit menorah in front of Old Town Hall for Hanukkah.

With their vote, selectmen also banned any other type of new religious display in the plaza in front of Old Town Hall.

Rabbi Asher Bronstein, of Andover's Temple Chabad Lubavitch of the Merrimack Valley, wanted a six-foot-tall, four-foot-wide menorah displayed in front of Old Town Hall, on Main Street, to bring attention to the holiday, he says.

"I think it's a visible location. It's on Route 28. Everybody drives through it. I guess that's one reason the town places its decorations there. We'd like to place a Hanukkah menorah where it's visible," said Rabbi Bronstein.

He said a new candle would have been lit each night during the eight nights of Hanukkah.

But, citing a wide range of concerns, including the fear of setting a precedent, selectmen unanimously voted against

allowing the display.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski told selectmen before the vote that the town does not have an official policy regarding religious displays. However, he noted that Andover has put wreaths on town buildings, and it still does have "Christmas lights, excuse me, holiday lights," on the trees in front of Old Town Hall.

Stapczynski also said the courts have generally supported decisions where towns allow displays in areas where there's enough public space for all religious faiths to have displays. But selectmen say the plaza in front of Old Town Hall is too small for this purpose.

"We do get into a precedent-setting situation," says Mary French. "For me, other, larger areas in town are more appropriate."

Both French and Chairman John Hess suggested placing the menorah in front of the congregation's temple on North Main Street, or in The Park, where there would be room for other interested congregations to bring their

### Jewish pride on display

Despite the Board of Selectmen having turned down Chabad Lubavitch's request to display a menorah in front of Old Town Hall, it will still attempt to kindle the spark of *yiddishkeit* (Jewishness) with a celebration and lighting of the Hanukkah menorah Sunday, Dec. 5, at 5 p.m. at the Chabad Center, 310 North Main St.

State Sen. Sue Tucker and Rep. Barry Finegold will join the celebration.

The program will also feature a live concert with Chaim Fogelman, singer and children's entertainer, and the distribution of hot latkas, dreidels, balloons and Hanukkah gifts for the children.

The holiday of Hanukkah is a festival

of victory and celebration, highlighted by the kindling of menorahs each night of the holiday.

"It is a holiday replete with traditions, with displays of Jewish pride and unity," said Rabbi Bronstein of Chabad Lubavitch of Merrimack Valley. "Yet it also contains a universal message for people of all faiths, that, ultimately, good will triumph over evil, freedom over oppression, and light over darkness."

Large menorahs will be on display at Wild Harvest in Andover, Market Basket in Shawsheen Square, and Stop & Shop in North Andover.

For more information on its programs or to obtain a Hanukkah menorah kit, call Chabad at 475-1853.

## Youths light fire in apparent shape of swastika

Police are trying to find a group of youths who set fire to the playing field behind the Andover High School field house Tuesday night, Nov. 23.

Youths poured gas onto the field, roughly in the shape of a swastika, and then lit the liquid on fire, say police.

"It sort of looked like a swastika, but it didn't look like they finished it," says Det. Sgt. Don Pattullo. "There was very little damage to the field. It didn't look like much when it was finished."

Police received a report from the High School, around 8:34 p.m. on Nov. 23, after the *Townsmen's* early deadline last week.

One youth pulling into the field house parking lot told police he saw a tall,

blond male working on maroon, Caravan-type vehicle, according to a police report. Then he saw a fire up on the hill.

"A bunch of kids ran down and jumped into an older model van, like a Caravan-type vehicle," says Pattullo.

Three other youths came out of the field house and saw the van leaving the lot and/or the fire on the hill.

They reported witnessing that someone had "lit a swastika on fire on the lawn." They showed police where the incident had occurred.

Detectives took pictures of the scene, and could smell gas in the air.

A hate crime form was filed with the state by Lt. Kevin Winters.

— Neil Fater

own displays.

Other selectmen offered their own concerns about having a display that would remain for eight straight days.

"I do not feel that I would be comfortable at all in having a religious symbol. I would not want a creche there. I would not want a manger or a menorah. I feel very strongly about the separation of church and state," said Larsen.

On Wednesday, Rabbi Robert Goldstein, of Andover's Temple Emanuel congregation, supported the selectmen's decision, saying he felt the request for a menorah was "well-meaning but misguided."

"I agree with Dr. Larsen when he said that religious rituals are best held in our houses of worship. There's no one who feels more committed to interfaith (efforts)," he says. "but things get diluted when they're placed on public property."

"If it is a problem of church and state, then these holiday decorations would also have to come down," said Rabbi

Bronstein, referring to the lights in front of Old Town Hall. "The fact is, there is religion over there, right? There's decorations."

However, Hess argued that the downtown lights are perceived by most to be secular, because they are meant to attract people to the downtown for shopping.

Rabbi Bronstein also said selectmen should not be concerned about any safety problem, because the menorah is sturdy and the congregation has insurance.

"If there would be any question of whether it was strong enough to withstand the wind, then we wouldn't place it," says Rabbi Bronstein. "These are being placed many places, (including) the Boston Common. They're very strong and powerful."

The six-foot menorah will be lit in front of Temple Chabad Lubavitch at 310 North Main St., on Friday, Dec. 3, and two smaller menorahs will be on display at two Andover supermarkets, he says.

## Beavers causing a flood of problems for property, pols

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Andover's Conservation Commission Administrator Jim Greer says the problem with beavers is akin to the "dirty dish" syndrome.

"The trouble with beaver management is that if you fix it once, you'll fix it again," he says.

Legislators may attempt to fix it again by voting to overturn a state ban on beaver traps approved by voter referendum in 1996, while the war wages on between animal rights activists and property owners trying to control the burgeoning beaver population.

State Sen. Sue Tucker (D-Andover) opposes a House bill that would overturn the trapping law, and hopes to find a compromise that would allow trapping only to spare residents from property damage.

"I'm trying to inject some common sense and balance into this debate," Tucker says.

Locally, the most visible evidence of the problem was at the Washington Park apartments next to Shawsheen Plaza last spring, when the animals

felled a number of trees.

Barbara Brady, property manager at Washington Park, says she is trying to save the trees on the property.

The company recently hired outside help to try to solve the problem, and may end up spending more money than planned on the project, she says.

After a quiet summer with little rainfall, "the beavers have gone wild lately," she says.

They chew down the trees that line the property and keep a buffer between residences and the shopping plaza, she says.

"It takes years to grow a tree, and they can chew it down in a night," she says.

The trap ban was passed to eliminate indiscriminate and cruel trapping practices, but some reported after the vote they felt misled by the language in the 1996 ballot question.

"My intent is not to flout the law, but to work within its spirit," Tucker says.

While voters may not have understood the consequences of their vote, they were sending a very clear message, Tucker says.

"Treat animals with respect and minimize their pain and suffering in animal control programs." That, to me, was the message," she says.

Tucker hopes to eliminate the bureaucracy involved with getting a permit to trap beavers, making traps available to property owners whose septic systems are in danger of failing, or who face other safety issues.

Greer says that under current law, a property owner complaining of minor flooding on their property is not likely to be granted a trapping permit from the state Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Most beaver control in the area has been less dramatic than trapping, Greer says, such as in the form of reducing the height of some dams.

"There are many continual efforts that go unnoticed and unrewarded," he says.



## Revaluation puts local property at \$3.9b

While the Board of Selectmen voted to lower residential tax rates (*see related story, this page*), the town won't be losing any money on the deal, since property values in town are up nearly 11 percent from valuations made three years ago.

That's what should be expected in a good economy, according to Chief Assessor Bruce Symmes.

The value of residential, commercial and industrial property in town rose more than \$394 million at this year's valuation, putting the total value of property in Andover at \$3.9 billion.

Residential property went up an average of 12 percent, commercial property is up more than 11 percent, and industrial property by more than 15 percent. The largest increase is in two- and three-family homes, up 18.62 percent, while the value of open space in town went down by 0.43 percent.

New growth in town is worth \$94 million, and will bring \$1.7 million in taxes to the town, Symmes says.

The average residential tax bill for Andover residents — about \$4,600 — is the 22nd highest of 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts. Weston residents pay the highest residential tax bills in the state, while the average property tax bill for Lawrence residents ranks 300 on the list. North Andover ranks 51st, and Boxford ranks 17th, according to the state Department of Revenue.

Despite the rise in property values, Andover has maintained its rank over time, Symmes says. In 1988, when property values were rising by the month, Andover paid the 22nd highest tax bills in the state.

More than 82 percent of Andover residents in single-family homes live in homes valued at less than \$400,000. Homes valued at between \$400,000 and \$500,000 account for 9.9 percent of the housing stock, while 7.2 percent of homes (595 houses) in town are worth more than \$500,000.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

## Taxes ...

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owners will pay \$14.64 per \$1,000 of property evaluation, while commercial/industrial owners will pay \$20.10 per \$1,000.

This means residents will see a 3.5 percent decrease in their tax rate, while businesses will see a 7.5 percent decrease. But because of the increased evaluations, both businesses and residents will pay more in taxes.

The average residential tax rate will be \$4,594.70, an increase of a little more than \$274.

The 1.26 tax factor recommended by Selectman Brian Major was a compromise between those who wanted more of a tax break for businesses and those who wanted things to remain the same.

Noting businesses have no vote in town elections, both selectmen Lori Becker and Larry Larsen suggested they have been stuck with too much of the tax burden over the years.

"I have consistently felt this is an outrageous tax system," said Larsen. "It's an addiction

for a city or town. Andover is no exception."

"We really rely on these businesses for a lot," he continued later. "It worries me because if we lose a percentage of these businesses it is really going to hurt us. We rely on this (business) money for big-ticket items, and there's no guarantee those businesses are going to stay."

However, Mary French said she fears a residential tax increase potentially "throws a monkey wrench" into the effort to build two new schools.

Selectmen ultimately approved the 1.26 factor, with a stipulation that the Open Space Committee, Affordable Housing Committee and Industrial Development Committee would look into whether tax breaks should be offered next year to those who use land for open space, affordable housing or small businesses.

Selectmen did hear from one resident, fire lieutenant and Housing Authority member Jim Cuticchia, who told selectmen



French — a monkey wrench?

they were "hurting the people who will have the greatest difficulty in paying."

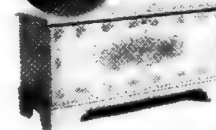
The reason for towns to encourage business growth is so that the businesses can help with the tax burden, says Cuticchia. He also said one reason taxes increase is to pay for the extra traffic lights, road improvements and town facilities needed for all the town businesses.

"We have a water treatment plant that pumps a lot of water, and it isn't so you and I can have a shower," he says. "I really feel you're going to hurt the small home owner."

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## Five more ...

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Based on his evaluation, Stapczynski says selectmen appreciate his day-to-day management of the town, but want him to develop a long-term vision (see sidebar, this page).

At least two selectmen Monday night were also thinking long-term.

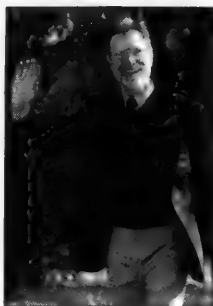
Lori Becker and Larsen say they want the town to have more flexibility in offering a contract. As a result, Becker will bring an article to the 2000 Town Meeting asking the town to change its charter to allow selectmen to offer a contract of less than five years.

"I really feel that we as a board are in a most

unfortunate position because the town charter calls for a five-year contract," says Larsen. "There isn't a (local) political office that has such terms that I can think of."

Becker and Larsen appeared to want to delay a vote on Stapczynski's contract until after a vote on the charter change, with Larsen saying he could not approve a five-year contract for Stapczynski.

But Brian Major noted that the necessary Town Meeting and state Legislature votes are



**Stapczynski — Hello again.**

unlikely to be approved before Stapczynski's current contract expires.

The town manager can be fired at any point during the five years, with 90 days notice, added Major.

"I'm assuming that the five-year time was to take the town manager out of the political realm," says Chairman John Hess. "I think Buzz has provide 10 years of good service to the town, and it would be a disservice to the town to hold (the new contract) up."

All of the selectmen agree that Stapczynski should be evaluated on an annual basis to assure that he should continue as town manag-

er. But whether an evaluation policy is written into the new contract remains to be seen.

"The contract's pretty loose the way it is now," says Becker. "There's nothing that says, 'After one year there will be an evaluation, and you must get this rating.' That's what will be in the next contract."

"I agree that we need to have a defined method of evaluation. I don't know if it needs to be in the contract," argues Chairman John Hess. "But we need a defined evaluation, and Buzz has agreed to that. It's better for everyone to have that."

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## Taking a wider view

After facing serious opposition from some selectmen in recent years, it appears Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski will be working next year with a board that more fully supports him.

While Selectmen Bill Downs and Larry Larsen talked in previous years of firing Stapczynski, Downs is gone, replaced by Mary French, and the vote Monday night was 4-1 to offer Stapczynski a new contract. The only no vote came from Larsen, who is not running for reelection, and will be off the board by next March.

Stapczynski says he has already established new governmental positions so that he can focus more on the selectmen's desire for a wide-ranging plan on how Andover should change in the coming decade.

"One of the raps I got was the whole vision thing, and looking into the future," he says. "I'll work on that. I suppose I've had my

nose close to the grindstone working on the school projects (and other construction projects). I'm intimately involved in collective bargaining, so I'm very much involved in the everyday administration of the town. What I'm hearing from selectmen is, perhaps I need to step back from that."

Stapczynski says he's taken steps to do so by hiring a project manager to oversee the coming school, safety center and senior center construction projects, and by promoting Mo Gray to the new position of superintendent of water and sewer. Together with new Public Works Director Jack Petkus and the town engineer, Gray will oversee the large sewer expansion project approved by 1999 Town Meeting.

Stapczynski says this will free him to meet with selectmen and "spend more time on the long-range thinking."

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# POLICE LOG

## ARRESTS

Wednesday, Nov. 24 - At 10:45 a.m., Walter H. Pitts, 33, of Paul Avenue, Derry, N.H., was arrested on Post Office Avenue and charged with illegally possessing a Class A substance and on two counts of possessing a hypodermic needle, syringe, etc. He was also charged on a Lawrence warrant for possession with intent to distribute a Class B drug, a drug violation near a school or park, and possessing a Class D drug.

At 5:59 p.m., Rolf Willibald, 34, of 171 East St., Methuen, was arrested on River Road and charged with driving with a suspended license and with a red-light violation.

Thursday, Nov. 25 - At 2:20 a.m., an 18-year-old Andover male was taken into protective custody after an officer found him at Bancroft School. The male was released into his mother's custody about a half hour later. The mother later reported the male had jumped out of her car while she was driving home. Police checked the area for the male without success. At 5:14 a.m., the mother reported that her son had returned home.

Friday, Nov. 26 - At 6:24 p.m., Joseph P. Halloran, 31, of 37 Shaw St., Lawrence, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with driving with a revoked license and with a red-light violation.

At 9:01 p.m., Shawn D. Butler, 27, of 39 Liberty St., Lowell, was arrested on River Road and charged with speeding, giving a false name or address to police, and a second or subsequent offense of driving with a suspended license.

At 11:33 p.m., after a sergeant requested officers regarding a group of kids at the ballfields off Chandler Road, W. Rives Borland, 18, of 28 York St., Andover; Suzanne Polizzi, 18, of 32 Theodore Ave., Andover and Hilary B.

Kiley, 18, of 278 River Road, Andover, were all arrested and charged with being minors transporting or carrying alcohol.

Saturday, Nov. 27 - At 1:49 a.m., Keira Holland, 28, of 67 Summer Ave., Reading, was arrested at the Wyndham Hotel and charged with trespassing onto land, dwelling house, etc., and with resisting arrest.

At 10:35 p.m., Joseph A. Zahareas Jr., 36, of 426 Andover St., Lawrence, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with an assault and battery on a household member.

At 11:11 p.m., after a caller reported that a car had hit a fence at the corner of Cuba Street and Shawsheen Road, Charlene Duhamel, 29, of 34 Lanaka Road, Tewksbury, was arrested on Cuba Street and charged with leaving the scene of an accident after property damage and with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Sunday, Nov. 28 - At 5:05 p.m., Darlene Johnson, 33, of 31 Farley St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on two warrants, for shoplifting and receiving stolen property, and for driving with a suspended license and leaving the scene of a personal-injury accident.

Monday, Nov. 29 - At 7:32 a.m., William C. Dunning, 27, of 161 Andover St., Andover, was arrested on Dascomb Road and charged with illegally possessing a Class D substance and driving with a suspended license.

Tuesday, Nov. 30 - At 6:55 a.m., Juan C. Rios, 47, of 20 Danbury Drive, Methuen, was arrested on Old River Road and

charged with driving with a revoked license.

## INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Nov. 23 - At 8:34 p.m., there was a report of someone in a maroon Dodge Caravan-type vehicle who poured liquid onto a soccer field behind the Andover High School field house, and then set the liquid on fire. Four 18-year-old males reported witnessing that someone had "lit a swastika on fire on the lawn." A hate crime form was filed with the state by Lt. Kevin Winters.

At 10:07 p.m., an Andover man reported his wife was intoxicated and out of control, and he requested that an officer place her in protective custody. Before police arrived, he reported things were all set because she had gone to bed.

Friday, Nov. 26 - At 1:42 a.m., there were several calls reported seven to nine shots fired in the Topping Road area. State police and Lawrence police were notified, and officers checked the surrounding streets without finding anyone.

At 11:10 a.m., a Salem Street caller reported a dead deer on the caller's property. An officer responded, reported the animal was "in a swamp," and said he was unable to move it.

At 5:28 p.m., officers served a restraining order in hand to an Andover man.

At 8:32 p.m., a Buck-A-Book employee reported that a female had come into the store with a Christmas wreath, claiming the store had ordered it. The person would not leave

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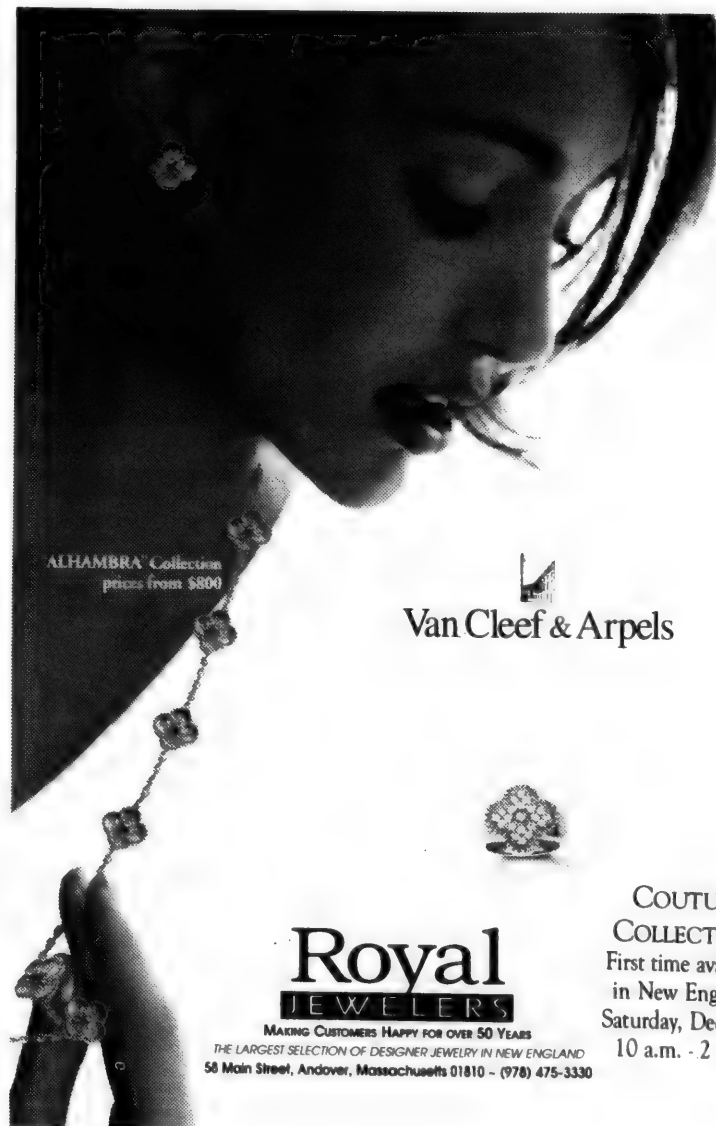


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the store until she was paid \$20. The caller said she spoke with the store managers and no wreath had been ordered, and she wanted to warn other businesses about the incident.

At 11:07 p.m., an Alden Road resident reported that someone had rung her doorbell who "appears to be in costume." Officers checked the area without finding such a person.

Saturday, Nov. 27 - At 10:31 a.m., a Sutherland Street caller reported

hearing what he thought were gun shots coming from the Den Rock area. Another caller reported it sounded like a rifle.

At 12:16 p.m., a Lowell Street man reported that another man had not been seen since the previous day at 3 p.m. The missing man later called to say where he was.

At 4:30 p.m., an Andover woman came to the station to report her daughter had been missing for about 24 hours.

Sunday, Nov. 28 - At 12:52 a.m., an Andover woman came into the station to report being followed from Salisbury beach to Shawsheen Plaza by a car with two white males. When the woman pulled into

the plaza, the males followed her and exposed themselves, she said. An officer checked the area without finding the males.

At 5:51 a.m., a lieutenant reported a car parked in the park-and-ride lot on Dascomb Road with a male asleep inside. The lieutenant requested an ambulance after he was unable to wake the man. But he canceled the ambulance after the man finally woke up, and reported no problem.

Tuesday, Nov. 30 - At 11:08 p.m., an Andover woman reported her child had run away, and asked to see an officer.

## BREAKS

Tuesday, Nov. 23 - At 12:49 p.m., a Rose Glen Drive resident requested an officer after her alarm sounded and she found scratch marks near her kitchen window.

Saturday, Nov. 27 - At 7:03 a.m., a man on Main Street called to report a break into a garage area. Detectives responded.

Monday, Nov. 29 - At 5:16 p.m., an Elm Street woman reported someone had broken into her apartment and taken some cash.

## THEFTS

Tuesday, Nov. 23 - At 4:48 p.m., a River Street woman reported some curtains were taken from her clothesline.

Thursday, Nov. 25 - At 11:23 a.m., an Argilla Road resident reported a contractor's sign had been taken from his property during the night.

Sunday, Nov. 28 - At 5:20 p.m., a Brooks Drugs employee reported a five-foot eleven-inch male with a long nose and scruffy face ran out of the store with a basket of items.

Monday, Nov. 29 - At 9:30 a.m., a High Plain Road resident reported \$2,000 worth of jewelry missing from her home. She did not know how long the jewelry had been missing.

At 11:52 a.m., there was a report of items taken from a women's locker room at a Haverhill Street building.

## AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 24 - At 10:12 a.m., a caller reported that someone had stolen her purse from her car while it was parked on Stirling Street the previous evening.

Saturday, Nov. 27 - At 8:45 a.m., an Andover woman reported her husband had taken her new

sports car the day before and had not returned. She believed he "might be depressed." The man was found at a restaurant and bar later in the day. At 12:28 p.m., his son called police to report the man was "all drugged out" and causing a disturbance. Officers requested an ambulance for a man who had taken prescription drugs not meant for him.

At 7:30 p.m., there was a report of a car fire from Route 28 South onto the Interstate 495 South ramp.

Sunday, Nov. 28 - At 12:52 p.m., a man reported that his vehicle was broken into at the commuter lot off Dascomb Road.

## ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, Nov. 23 - At 10:58 a.m., a female caller reported that while she was outside her vehicle at a gas station on Route 125, she was hit by a car, and was now heading to Holy Family Hospital to be evaluated. An officer reported the accident occurred around 9:15 a.m., and went to the gas station to gather more information.

Wednesday, Nov. 24 - At 1:29 p.m., following an accident with personal injury, an officer requested a tow truck for a car that hit a pole on Elm Street.

At 9:53 p.m., a Maple Avenue man reported a hit-and-run on his car while it was parked at Shawsheen Plaza.

Thursday, Nov. 25 - At 7:09 a.m., a caller reported a vehicle that was on its side in an Andover Country Club sand trap. The owner was notified and claimed his son was in an accident the previous night and thought a towing company had already picked up the car.

Friday, Nov. 26 - At 11:11 a.m., a four-car accident without injury was reported on Lowell Street.

At 1:35 p.m., an Andover man reported his daughter swerved to avoid a dog on High Plain Road and instead hit a fire hydrant. The daughter was not injured.

Monday, Nov. 29 - At 4:21 p.m., an ambulance and fire engine company were sent to an accident with injury on Lowell Street near the IRS.

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Naturally, the fact that there are a variety of different and worthwhile holidays is something we should all respectfully recognize.

And everyone knows the phrase "the holidays" has replaced Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Winter Solstice and New Year's.

However, I predict that as the new century progresses, this won't be enough. So I've taken the liberty of creating some new USEFUL EUPHEMISMS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM.

First of all, Santa will no longer be called Santa, and certainly never again be referred to as St. Nick. From now on he's "Bobo, the non-denominational gift giver."

Time for the office holiday party? Don't suggest starting a "Secret Santa" present swap. Ask for Bobo. Accept no substitutes.

For decorations, it will be important to remember to call wreaths by their new Y2K name — eco-circles®. When the holidays are over, be sure to throw them on the compost pile to complete the circle of life.

Try to use such terms in your everyday speech. It may take you a bit to get used to it, so I've provided a couple of plausible Y2K-approved anecdotes you can use.

Used to celebrating Hanukkah? Try saying something like, "Boy, I'll never forget the year we forgot the 'holiday candelabra' was lit and it melted the table cloth. Good thing for that smoke detector!"

Be sure not to make finger quotations when you say "holiday candelabra."

Or, if you celebrate Christmas say, "When I was a kid, my family would hang festive, non-offensive snowpersons with no discernible religious ties onto the seasonal shrub that certainly was not in the shape of a tree."

"Then we'd sit around singing songs about Chris... I mean, snow and stuff."

Remember, as soon as you start fumbling with your words, it's time for evasive action.

If all else fails, simply use language so confusing that by the time anyone figures out what you're talking about, it's too late. You're already home, where it's OK to celebrate your religious holiday.

Of course, if you want to have guests over, you'll have to edit your books.

The phrase "Footwear was hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that it would dry out over there," surely will help everyone enjoy a festive holiday.

Dry feet — who could argue with that?

## Tour stop presages new film festival start

By Neil Fater

The Ann Arbor Film Festival Tour will set up shop at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College tonight and tomorrow, Dec. 2 and 3.

Its presence could sell the Rogers Center on hosting an annual film festival of its own.

The center plans on sponsoring a yearly film festival right here in the Merrimack Valley, says Peter Waldron, Rogers Center director of arts programming.

But first, the center will use the Ann Arbor festival this week to see just how popular independent films are in the region, he says.

"What we're trying to do is gauge interest in this because we're going to have a video film festival here at the college. That will probably start next year," says Waldron.

"It's exciting. With digital editing everyone will be able to make films," he says. "Hopefully these (Ann Arbor) films will inspire people."

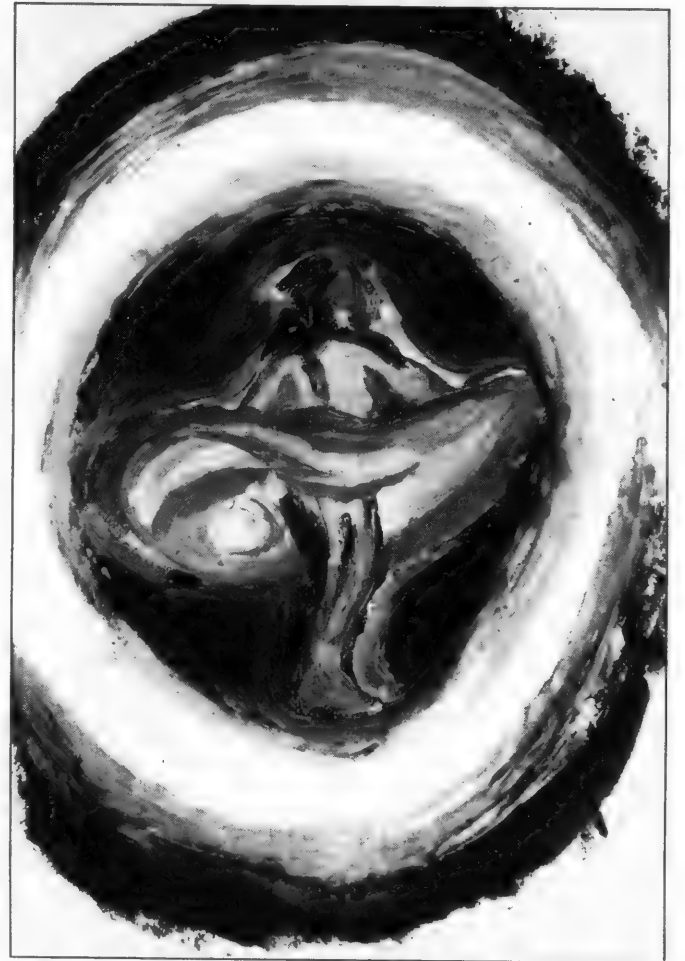
The proposed, new festival at the Rogers Center could be a boon to local, professional film makers, and perhaps even provide a stepping stone for the serious young film makers involved with Andover Youth Services' annual Homegrown Film Festival.

"It will be for more than college students. Whether we limit it to New England or not is under discussion," says Waldron.

For this coming weekend, however, the emphasis is on the Ann Arbor Film Festival Tour. The tour is comprised of movies that won awards at the Ann Arbor festival.

Such movies will be shown at the Rogers Center Thursday, Dec. 2, and Friday, Dec. 3, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The tour is making about 50 stops in North America, and



Round and round — Animated films, including *HEPA!* by Laura Margulies, will be a part of the Ann Arbor film tour, at the Rogers Center.



Oh, my! — *Alone, Life Wastes Andy Hardy*, by Martin Arnold, is among the films looking to take your breath away.

## Bookstore has storyteller, Kerouac follower

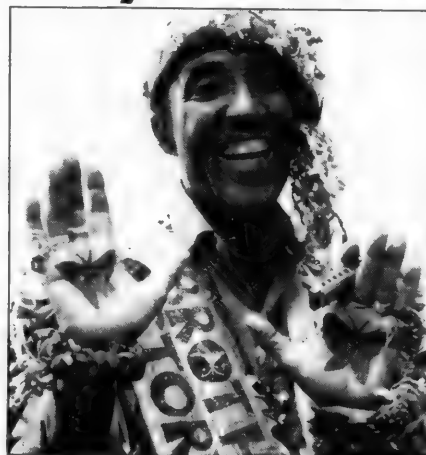
Two very different personalities will come to the Andover Bookstore the next two Fridays: a storyteller and a story collector.

On Friday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m., Brother Blue (pictured at right) will tell stories for people aged 6 to adult at the Andover Bookstore, at 89R Main St.

For more information, call 475-0143.

Then, the following Friday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m., Paul Marion, editor of *Atop an Underwood, Early Stories and Other Writings* by Jack Kerouac, will read from the book and discuss Kerouac's writing. For more information about this event call 800-491-0143.

*Atop an Underwood, Early Stories and Other Writings* by Jack Kerouac



Looking Blue? — You'll find this storyteller at Andover Bookstore Friday.

brings together more than 60 previously unpublished works from Kerouac's personal files. Marion, a Lowell native, provided an introduction and headnotes.

The selections in *Atop an Underwood* were composed by Kerouac between the ages of 12 and 21 and cover the years 1935 to 1943.

The book contains stories, poems and essays, plays and parts of two novels, including an excerpt from his 1943 merchant marine novel, *The Sea is My Brother*.

"The writings reveal what Kerouac was thinking, doing, and dreaming during those formative years as well as reflecting the early literary influences of Whitman, Saroyan, Wolfe, [ROAD] SCHOLAR continued on page 22)



## ACS 'Messiah' returns

The Andover Choral Society (ACS) will present its sixth annual *Community Messiah* Sing Monday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m., at Free Christian Church on Elm Street.

This event gives Andover residents a chance to join Choral Society members in presenting, in an informal setting, the Christmas sections of *Messiah*, along with the *Hallelujah Chorus*. Singers will be joined by young soloists from the Boston area.

Persons having *Messiah* scores are encouraged to bring them, but scores will be available at the door. A \$5 donation (children under 12 are free) is requested to

defray expenses. The society says that any surplus generated will be given to a charitable cause.

The Andover Choral Society is conducted by Allen Combs, who is in his 10th season as music director. Combs teaches voice at Phillips Academy and is a professional soloist.

ACS is a not-for-profit organization established 70 years ago by J. Everett Collins. The group is preparing a performance of Mendelssohn's *Elijah* to be given Jan. 23, at First Calvary Baptist Church in North Andover.

For more information about the Andover Choral Society call 687-8225.

To discuss collection Dec. 10

## Kerouac editor makes 'Road' trip

(*'ROAD' SCHOLAR* from p. 21)  
Joyce and others," says a release.

### About Kerouac

Kerouac was born in Lowell in 1922, the youngest of three children in a Franco-American family.

His first novel, *The Town and the City*, appeared in 1950, but it was *On the Road* that epitomized what became known as the "Beat Generation" and made Kerouac one of the best-known



On road to Andover — Marion to discuss book on Kerouac next Friday.

writers of his time. His other books included *The Dharma Bums*, *The Subterraneans*, and *Big Sur*.

Kerouac died in St. Petersburg, Fla., in 1969, at the age of 47.

### About Marion

Marion was born in Lowell in 1954 and graduated from UMass Lowell.

He is the author of nine collections of poetry and his writing has appeared in *Yankee*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, and several anthologies.

He is editor and a contributor of his most recent book, *French Class: French Canadian-American Writings on Identity, Culture, and Place*.

Marion has been a writer, editor, grant-writer and community-based cultural development specialist for 20 years. Marion managed the development of the Jack Kerouac Commemorative, a sculptural tribute in Lowell, where he lives with his wife and son.

Fax arts information to the *Townsmen*: 470-2819

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## Water works:

# Writers will see 'The View from Shanty Pond' at MHL

Author Joseph P. Blanchette, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Writers' Networking Group next Thursday, Dec. 9, 1999 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Andover Memorial Hall Library, at the corner of Essex and Main streets.

A reception will be held at 7 p.m. and the lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. Blanchette, will discuss his recently released book, as well as the process he used in writing it.

Writers are invited to bring copies of their work for display at the free, open meeting.

Blanchette's book, *The View From Shanty Pond: An Immigrant's Look at Life in a New England Mill Town 1875-1938*, is devoted to the history of the Irish in Lawrence during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

It reveals in detail the period before and after World War I, during which the Irish consolidated their domination and control of Lawrence city government.

Blanchette indicates that

Boston was not the only Massachusetts city where the old-time Irish politician prevailed.

Blanchette's book has received much advance acclaim from noted authors, historians and Irish celebrities, says a release.

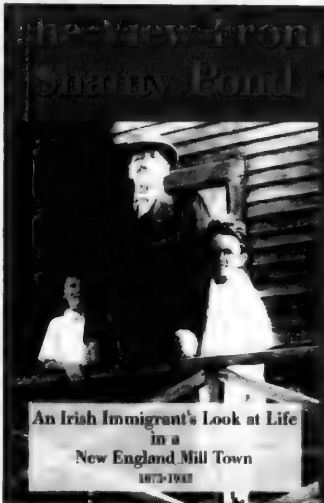
The release quotes Kevin Kearns,

Ph.D., historian and author of *Dublin Pub Life and Lore and Dublin Tenement Life*, as calling Blanchette's book, "A most original and fascinating account of an Irishman's view of life in a New England mill town... Written in a lively style and riddled with charming folkloric insights and

good stories."

The Writers' Networking Group was organized by National Writers Union-Boston Local member Henry Everett and NWU Networking Coordinator Barbara Beckwith.

For more information about this meeting, call Leo Griffin at 470-1186.



Through Irish eyes — You can book time Dec. 9 with the author of *The View from Shanty Pond*.

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## THURSDAY, Dec. 2

**Lecture**, sponsored by Northern Essex Community College as part of its Life Long Learning series, "Saving Open Spaces in Essex County," 2 p.m., Bentley Library Conference area, Elliott Way, Haverhill; May DiPietro (978) 556-3688.

**Open house and silent auction**, sponsored by Andover Historical Society, noon-2 p.m., 97 Main St.; RSVP 475-2236.

**Holiday loft**, sponsored by MSPCA, to benefit Small Animal Shelter and Nevins Farm & Equine Centre, raffle, silent auction, 3-7 p.m., MSPCA Carriage Shed, 400 Broadway, Route 28, Methuen; Ray Denis 687-1150 or Calli Towne 687-7453.



Nose around — at "holiday loft," the raffle and silent auction sponsored by the MSPCA.

**Theater night fundraiser**, by Quota International of Andover, 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes "The Rainmaker," \$50, Merrimack Repertory Theater, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell; Jean (978) 475-0328.

**Wellness into the Millennium**, sponsored by Marland Place, presented by Dr. Suetta Tenney, 9-10 a.m., 15 Stevens St.; Joanne Souza 475-4225.

**Ann Arbor film festival**, 7-9 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; Peter Waldron 837-5159.

**Volunteer night**, sponsored by Ruth's House, 7 p.m., conference room, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill; (978) 521-5575.

## FRIDAY, Dec. 3

**Storytelling**, sponsored by Andover Bookstore, featuring Brother Blue, ages 6 to adult, 7 p.m., 89R Main St.; 475-0143.

**The Nutcracker**, sponsored by Phillips Academy, featuring Le Studio de Ballet Andover students Natalia, Maldari, Elizabeth Maldari, Molly McGraw, 7:30 p.m., \$10, Tang Theatre, Phillips Academy campus; 749-4433. Concert, sponsored by Phillips Academy music department, featuring Phillips Academy Symphony Orchestra, Academy Chamber Orchestra, Amadeus Ensemble, Corelli Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.; 749-4000.

**Holiday loft**, see entry under Thursday, Dec. 2.

**Oliver**, presented by Concord Youth Theatre, wheelchair accessible, 7:30 p.m., \$12 Rows A-K, \$8.50 Rows L-U, Emerson Umbrella Center for the Arts, 40 Stow St., Concord, Mass.; (978) 371-1482.

**Teddy Bear Christmas fair**, sponsored by Sacred Heart Parish, handicap accessible, 6-9 p.m., Parish Hall, 321 Broadway, Lawrence; Irene Potvin 686-5712.

**Comedy Palace**, featuring Vinnie Favorito, 9 p.m., Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

**Open house**, sponsored by Board of Trustees of Methuen Memorial Music, 7-9 p.m., 192 Broadway, Methuen; David Veit 688-2407.

**Ann Arbor film festival**, see Thursday, Dec. 2 entry.

## SATURDAY, Dec. 4

**Cookie fest**, sponsored by United Presbyterian Church, 9 a.m.-sell out, 96 East Haverhill St., Lawrence.

**Comedy Palace**, featuring Vinnie Favorito, Michael Winslow, 8 and 10:30 p.m., 9 p.m., Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

**The Nutcracker**, sponsored by Phillips Academy, 3 and 7:30 p.m., see entry under Friday, Dec. 3.

**A Celebration of Christmas fair**, sponsored by Christ Church, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 25 Central St.; 475-0529.

**Concert**, by Cantemus Chamber Chorus, 8 p.m., \$14, \$12 seniors, free students 18 and under, Christ Church, Asbury Street, Hamilton; 1-888-CHORUS-1.

**Kwanzaa celebration**, sponsored by Phillips Academy music department and office of community and multicultural affairs, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.; 749-4000.

**Christmas in the Air**, presented by Methuen Community Chorus, 7:30 p.m., \$5, \$3 seniors, children, Methuen Senior Center, Methuen; Cindi Graham 682-5396 or 682-4091.

**Christmas treasures professional craft fair**, sponsored by St. Augustine School, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 26 Central St.; Lisa Round 686-8507.

**An English Christmas**, sponsored by the Master Singers, wheelchair accessible, \$14, \$12 seniors/students; First Parish Church, 71 Harrington Road, Lexington; (781) 862-6459.

**Red Bow fair**, sponsored by North Parish Church of North Andover, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Olde Center, North Andover; Carol Weldin 475-4515.

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# CALENDAR

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\$7.50 adults, \$2.50 children; 192 Broadway, Methuen; David Veit 688-2407.

**Oliver**, 2:30 p.m., see entry under Friday, Dec. 3.

**Teddy Bear Christmas fair**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., pancake breakfast with Santa, 9-11 a.m., see Saturday, Dec. 3 entry.

**Hanukkah celebration**, sponsored by Solomon Schechter Day School of the Merrimack Valley, 6 p.m., 514 Main St., Haverhill; (978) 372-4140.

**Concert**, sponsored by Songstreet, featuring folk band Eddie From Ohio and Diane Zeigler, 8 p.m., \$16.50, \$15.50, \$1 more day of show, Somerville Theatre, Davis Square, Somerville; (617) 628-3390 or Ticketmaster (617) 931-2000.



Things are looking up — for Eddie From Ohio, appearing in Somerville.

**UNICEF card sale**, sponsored by The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover, 9 a.m.-noon, Andover Bank, 61 Main St., Butcher Boy Meat Market, Route 125, North Andover; Christine McCarthy 475-4734.

**Mrs. Claus kitchen**, by First Baptist Church, Christmas cookies, crafts and treasures, children decorate cookies, paint ornaments, picture taken with Santa, light lunch, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., corner of Park and Lawrence streets, Methuen; Fran Lajoie 683-6478.

**Holiday loft**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., see Thursday, Dec. 2 entry.

## SUNDAY, Dec. 5

**Holiday open house and marketplace**, sponsored by Brush Art Gallery and Studio, demonstrations, refreshments, 10 percent discount, noon-4 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell; (978) 459-7819.

**Hanukkah party**, sponsored by Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel, 12:30-2:30 p.m., \$10, Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 470-1356.

**Hanukkah**, sponsored by Havurat Shalom, karaoke, latkes, 2-5 p.m., Christ Church, 25 Central St.; RSVP 474-0147.

**Holiday open house**, sponsored by Stevens Memorial Library, chamber music, refreshments, 2-5 p.m., 345 Main St., North Andover; 688-9505.

**The Nutcracker**, sponsored by Phillips Academy, 3 p.m., see entry under Friday, Dec. 3.

**Concert**, sponsored by Cantemus Chamber Chorus, 4 p.m., \$14, \$12 seniors, free students 18

and under, Central Congregational church, Pleasant and Titcomb streets, Newburyport; 1-888-CHORUS-1.

**Service of Lessons and Carols**, sponsored by Phillips Academy chaplaincy and music department, 4:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.; 749-4000.

**Hike**, by Appalachian Mountain Club, Skug River and Parker Ponds, meet 10 p.m. Berry Pond Road near Jenkins Road; Art Olsen (978) 374-0751.

**Oliver**, 2:30 p.m., see entry under Friday, Dec. 3.

**Concert**, sponsored by Coro Stella Maris, 8 p.m., Crowell Chapel, Rosedale Ave., Manchester, Mass., \$10, \$5 students and seniors; Manchester Arts Council (978) 526-7935.

**Concert**, sponsored by Board of Trustees of Methuen Memorial Music, featuring Fine Arts Brass Quintet and the Great Organ, 3 p.m., \$10 reserved seating, \$7.50 adults, \$2.50 children; 192 Broadway, Methuen; David Veit 688-2407.

**Holiday loft**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., see Thursday, Dec. 2 entry.

## MONDAY, Dec. 6

**New moms' coffee**, by The Mother Connection of Andover/North Andover, refreshments, babies welcome, 8 p.m., First Calvary Baptist Church, 586 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover; 738-0784.

**First Light 5760**, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation, outdoor candlelighting, entertainment by SAFAM, reception, 7 p.m., \$10, \$5 seniors over 60, children under 18, in advance, \$12, \$7 seniors over 60, children under 18, event day; Michelle Soll or Jan Brodie 688-0466.

**Parish-based health ministry/parish nurse gathering**, sponsored by Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center, presented by parish-based Health Ministry of Holy Family Hospital, 6:30-9 p.m., board room, 70 East St., Methuen; Martha Byron 687-0156, Ext. 2401.

**Holiday loft**, 3-7 p.m., see Thursday, Dec. 2 entry.

## TUESDAY, Dec. 7

**Fundraiser**, sponsored by The Retarded Adult Rehabilitation Association of the Merrimack Valley, featuring a reception at 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., performance of *The Rainmaker*, \$45, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell; (978) 446-0270.

**Holiday loft**, 3-7 p.m., see Thursday, Dec. 2 entry.

## WEDNESDAY, Dec. 8

**Potluck dinner**, sponsored by League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover, followed by national program planning town meeting, 6 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; Diane Hender 470-0869.

## THURSDAY, Dec. 9

**Storytelling time**, sponsored by Citrus, for toddlers and their parents, 10 a.m., 93 Main St., Route 1 (CALENDAR continued on page 26)

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## CALENDAR

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28; Lori Becker 470-8832.

**Inspirational talk**, sponsored by First Church of Christ, featuring Thomas R. Mitchinson, Christian Science healer and writer, 8 p.m., Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.; (617) 450-3010.

### FRIDAY, Dec. 10

**Reading**, sponsored by Andover Bookstore, featuring Paul Marion reading from *Atop an Underwood*, *Early Stories and Other Writings* by Jack Kerouac, 7 p.m., 89R Main St.; (800) 491-0143.

**The Nutcracker**, presented by New England Civic Ballet, 7:30 p.m., Rogers Center for the Performing Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 975-0289.

**Holiday social**, sponsored by Giordano's Starlite Dinner Theatre, wine tasting, buffet, dancing, 6:45 p.m.-1 a.m., \$69.95 per couple, Route 97, Georgetown; RSVP (978) 352-7300.

**Singles dance**, sponsored by Lexington Chapter of The Single Life, 8 p.m.-midnight, \$8, Knights of Columbus, 130 Lexington St., Burlington.

**Discovery toy workshop**, sponsored by Citrus, 6-9 p.m., 93 Main St., Route 28; Lori Becker 470-8832.

**Comedy Palace**, featuring Gallagher II and Rick D'Elia, 9 p.m., see entry under Friday, Dec. 3.

**Holiday open house**, sponsored by Andover Center Association, features hay rides, St. Augustine's Hand Bell Choir, Mill City Jazz Band, Interfaith Choral Group, refreshments, 6-9 p.m., downtown Andover; Tom Keefe 475-7872.

**Concert**, by Newburyport Choral Society, 8 p.m., \$18, \$15 seniors/students, Belleville Congregational Church, High Street, Newburyport; (978) 462-0650.

**Holiday concert**, sponsored by Phillips Academy Music Department, featuring excerpts from Handel's *Messiah*, benefit earthquake relief in Greece and Turkey, 7 p.m., \$5, senior citizens/students with a donation of nonperishable or canned food, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus; 749-4995.

### SATURDAY, Dec. 11

**Mistletoe and potpourri sale**, by Cub Scout Pack 77, 9 a.m.-noon, Old Town Hall, Andover Bank, Memorial Hall Library, Wild Harvest, Shawsheen Plaza.

**The Nutcracker**, 2 and 7 p.m., see Friday, Dec. 10 entry.

**Comedy Palace**, featuring Joe Bolster, Gerroll Bennett, Jay Rodrigus, 8 and 10:30 p.m., see entry under Friday, Dec. 3.

**Holiday house tour**, sponsored by Newburyport Maritime Society, featuring eight private homes, \$12 members, \$15 nonmembers; (978) 462-8740.

**Concert**, featuring Vance Gilbert, 8 p.m., \$12, Crossroads Coffeehouse, North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover; 687-3960.



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**Hike**, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club, Merrimack River, meet 1:30 p.m. at gatehouse, Hewlett-Packard sign; Fred Snell 686-3647.

**Christmas party**, sponsored by North Andover VFW Post 2104, for relatives and members of Post up to age 12, adult must accompany children, 2 p.m., 32 Park St., North Andover; 687-9614.

**Musical auditions**, sponsored by The Valley Players, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; (978) 388-9444.

**Concert**, see entry under Friday, Dec. 10.

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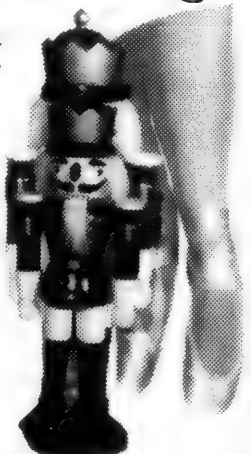
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# CALENDAR

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## SUNDAY, Dec. 12

**Christmas gala concert**, sponsored by Neighbors In Need, 2 p.m., \$10, \$5 children and seniors, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway, Methuen; 685-8321.

**Concert**, sponsored by Arthur's Christmas Trees and Decorations, featuring children's entertainer Tom Chapin, children ages 4-9, 2 and 4:30 p.m., \$9, University of Massachusetts Lowell Center for the Arts, Durgin Hall, 35 Wilder St., UMass Lowell South Campus, Lowell; box office (978) 934-4444, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-noon, 1-4 p.m.



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**The Nutcracker**, presented by New England Civic Ballet, 3:30 p.m., Lawrence High School, 233 Haverhill St., Lawrence; 975-0289.

**Concert**, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra, featuring holiday music, wheelchair accessible, 2:30 p.m., \$12, \$8 seniors and students, \$3 children, St. Michael Church, Sixth and Bridge streets, Lowell; 685-3505.

**Concert**, sponsored by Exsultet! chamber choir, 5 p.m., \$10, \$7 seniors, children and students with ID, Holy Trinity United Methodist Church, 16 Sylvan St., Danvers; Richard Larraaga (781) 329-1741.

**Concert**, 2 p.m., see entry under Friday, Dec. 10.

### ONGOING Museums and Historic Homes

**Addison Gallery of American Art**, *Referencing the Past: Six Contemporary Artists*, through Jan. 2, Phillips Academy campus, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; (978) 749-4015.

**American Textile History Museum**, *Dressed for the Part: Hollywood Costumes from the Silver Screen*, through March 12, wheelchair accessible, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., \$10 adults, \$7 seniors, students, group members; free for children under 6, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; (978) 441-0400.

**Andover Historical Society**, permanent

exhibit Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum and period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with 19th-century farm and woodworking tools, library and office hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, Mondays by appointment; \$4 adults, \$2 children, members free; 97 Main St., 475-2236.

**North Andover Historical Society**, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St. Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., permanent and changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 686-4035.

**American Textile History Museum**, Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 seniors, students, includes general museum admission, free for children under 6 and museum members, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; (978) 441-0400.

**Lowell National Historic Park**, history of the American Industrial Revolution, guided tours of cotton and textile mills, canals, trolley rides, Pawtucket Canal Tour, Working People Exhibit at Patrick J. Mogan Cultural Center, Boott Cotton Mills Museum, open daily, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., \$4 adults, \$2 youth 6-16 and students, senior discount, free children 5 and under; (978) 970-5000.

**Canal tours**, sponsored by Lowell National Historical Park, Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; RSVP (978) 970-5000.

**Exploring Lowell**, join a ranger for a 30- to 90-minute program exploring a variety of Lowell-related topics, all tours are free, 1 p.m., Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; 970-5000.

**Cushing House Museum**, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$4 adults, \$1.50 children under 12, members free, 98 High St., Newburyport; (978) 462-2681.

**New England Quilt Museum**, *Collectors as Quilters: Gail Binney-Stiles, Bernice McCoy Stone*, through Dec. 31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sundays, \$4, \$3 students/senior citizens, 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; (978) 452-4207.

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- Vanessa Chirichello**, co-owner of Indra Salon, has been a hair designer for ten years. Vanessa, along with her partner, was also trained under the wing of James Girenti. Vanessa has also trained with Redken 5th Ave., N.Y., Jingles of London, Aveda Minneapolis and, most recently, Portfolio Trends at the Aveda Institute in Soho, N.Y. Vanessa is an accomplished stylist who specializes in advanced cutting, coloring and hair designing.
- Maureen Greeley** is a licensed esthetician from the Catherine Hinds Institute of Esthetics. Maureen also brings with her an extensive background in nursing. As part of the Indra team, Maureen specializes in Aveda customized facials, pregnancy treatments, complete hair removal, eye lash and eye brow tinting and makeup applications. Free skin care consultations are available upon request. Maureen also volunteers her time for the American Cancer Society's *Look Good Feel Better* program.
- Steven Michael**, a native of Southern California, travels coast to coast enjoying his specialty - hair color. Steven is an educator, innovator and inspirator who enjoys the challenges of doing fine hair. For nearly a decade, Steven has worked numerous platforms and model rooms nationwide for major hair care companies and photo shoots. He is currently pursuing a degree as a certified master hair colorist.
- Barbie Kiberstis** is a licensed hair designer with fourteen years experience. An accomplished and confident stylist, Barbie specializes in all aspects of hair cutting, coloring and finishing. She has been trained through the Melrose Beauty Academy, Jingles of London and Redken New York. Barbie's latest achievements include learning advanced hair cutting techniques at the Aveda Institute in Soho, New York.
- JoAnn Burke** is a licensed nail technician from Lowell Academy. She specializes in natural nail care, silk wraps, overlays and spa pedicures. JoAnn has also received training through Aveda.
- Syrella McMillan** is a licensed esthetician from the Catherine Hinds Institute of Esthetics. Currently, Syrella is pursuing her Aveda certification classes. She specializes in Aveda customized facials, complete hair removal, eye lash and eye brow tinting and skin care consultations.
- Mark Pizzelli** is Indra's retail and interior design coordinator.
- Colleen Borges** is a favorite among Indra's existing clientele. As the salon coordinator, Colleen greets clients, schedules all appointments and assists with product recommendation and purchasing. Along with overseeing daily Salon activities, Colleen strives to ensure the comfort and relaxation of each client throughout their visit. Currently, Colleen is pursuing classes to obtain a position as the Salon manager.
- Richelle Parent** is a recent graduate currently assisting with cutting and shampooing at Indra. Richelle provides a pampering stress relieving treatment for each client when she performs a shampoo. While intense training has begun in her field, Richelle is enthusiastic about beginning her career as a hair designer.
- Sharon Garrett** is a licensed hair designer with several years of experience. She began her training with Rusk, and has since furthered her education by training with Redken 5th Ave., N.Y., Schwarzkopf, Portfolio Trends at the Aveda Institute in Soho, N.Y., and most recently, Oscar Bond Salon also in Soho. Sharon specializes in advanced cutting and coloring techniques, make-up work and hair design.
- Jenn Davis** handles the front desk in the evening. She is currently working on a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting at Rivier College.
- Danyelle Moccia** is the massage therapist. She is a graduate of the Healing Touch Institute in Wakefield, Ma., specializing in deep tissue, Swedish, Myofascial, Triggerpoint, and Sports Massage.

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## Andover Center Association's downtown Holiday Open House to be held Dec. 10

Andover Center Association will hold its annual Holiday Open House on Friday, Dec. 10, from 6 to 8 p.m.

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## 'Finding a deeper meaning to Christmas'

Has the happiness and peace of the Christmas season disappeared for you? Do your Christmases seem so full of hectic parties, rushed shopping and endless gifts to buy? You are invited to find a deeper meaning to Christmas in an inspirational talk entitled "Follow The Star" by Thomas R. Mitchinson, C.S., of Naperville, Ill., at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., next Thursday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m.



Thomas R. Mitchinson

Mitchinson asks, "How many of us wish we could have been there at the manger centuries ago, supporting the arrival of the Savior? In a profound sense, the opportunity still exists. We can find the reappearing of the Christ, Truth, Jesus taught. Today, we can witness its presence in our lives, and the lives of our family, friends, and the world. We can feel the joy and peace of Christmas once again, and feel it all year round."

Mitchinson is an experienced Christian Science healer and writer. He is a chaplain at Cook County Correctional Facility in Chicago, and a member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship.

There is no admission charge or collection taken at this event sponsored by First Church of Christ, Scientist, 36 Main St.

For more information, call (617) 450-3010.

## Celebration of Christmas Fair planned

Christ Church will hold its annual Christmas Fair this Saturday, Dec. 4, at the church, 25 Central St., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free and there is some wheelchair access.

The "A Celebration of Christmas" fair is an Andover tradition. Members have been baking, cooking, knitting and creating hand-crafted items all year in preparation for this day. Professional crafters will exhibit also and sell their goods.

In addition to hand-made items, Christmas greens, books, and children's activities will be available. Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall. Tickets for lunch can be purchased that day.

As always, Christ Church will donate 10 percent of its proceeds from the fair to an outside charity. This year the fair committee has chosen Iglesia de Dios in Lawrence. This church will now be able to make improvements in its children's worship center.

## Hanukkah party at Temple Emanuel

Temple Emanuel on Haggetts Pond Road will hold a family Hanukkah party Sunday, Dec. 5, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The family event will include entertainment, food, face painting and cookie decorating.

The cost is \$10 per family. For more information, call 470-1356.

## League of Women Voters' annual sale of UNICEF holiday cards is this Saturday

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover will hold its annual sale of UNICEF holiday cards Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to noon at two locations: Andover Bank, 61 Main St., and Butcher Boy Meat Market, Route 125, North Andover. Sales benefit UNICEF with a small honorarium to the League of Women Voters.

## League of Women Voters plans holiday pot luck dinner

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover invites the public to a holiday pot luck dinner at Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m.



Christ Church's 1999 "A Celebration of Christmas" fair co-chairs, from left, are Jean Hughes, Lisa Barnes and Karen Ishihara.

A walk through historic Blanchard House will be followed by cocktails, dinner and national program planning town meeting positions.

RSVP by Friday, Dec. 3, to Diane Hender at 470-0869.

## Seasonal celebrations and ceremonies at Phillips Academy

A celebration of Kwanzaa will be presented Saturday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. by the Phillips Academy music department and the office of community and multicultural affairs. This celebration, free and open to the public, will take place in Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.

Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible.

The annual Service of Lessons and Carols will be presented Sunday, Dec. 5, at 4:30 p.m. by the Phillips Academy chaplaincy and the Phillips Academy music department. The service, free and open to the public, will take place in Cochran Chapel. The Service of Lessons and Carols is derived from ancient sources and is celebrated according to its usage at King's College, Cambridge, England.

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## BIRTHS

**BOUCHARD** - A daughter, Scarlett Marie, born to Thaddeus and Schell Bouchard of Andover on Thanksgiving, Nov. 25, at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. Grandparents are Eleanor Bouchard of Dover and David and Madge Pomeroy of Oklahoma City, Okla. Scarlett has two brothers, Nicolas, 5, and Maxim, 21 months.

**DUNN** - A daughter, Nicole Carolyn, born to Tim and Donna (Maynard) Dunn of 112 Colonial Drive on Oct. 20 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Grandparents are Dorothy Maynard of Reading and Mr. and Mrs. James Sweeney of Venice, Fla. Nicole has two brothers, Jonathan and Christopher, and a sister, Renee.

**FAY** - A daughter, Haley Michelle, born to Dan and Valerie Fay of Gloucester on Sept. 27, at Beverly Hospital. Grandparents are Steve and Jan Fay of Andover and Willa Williams of Camden, Maine. Great grandparents are Fern Williams and Marshall Williams, both of

Topsham, Maine.

**HARDOCK** - A son, Zachary Michael, born to J. Michael and Jennifer (Bardetti) Hardock of Dunstable on Oct. 28 at Emerson Hospital. Grandparents are Joseph and Marilyn Bardetti and Richard and Dorothy Hardock, all of Andover. Zachary has a sister, Taylor, 12 months.

**HUNTRESS** - A son, Samuel Robert, born to Chris and Diane (Pawelski) Huntress of Andover on Nov. 15 at Beverly Hospital. Grandparents are Robert Pawelski of Haverhill and Frederick and Linda Huntress of Meredith, N.H. Great-grandparents are Edna Owens of Swampscott and Anna Almeida of Virginia Beach, Va. Samuel has a sister, Abigail, 2.

**LATHROP** - A daughter, Zoe Anna, born to Christopher Lathrop and Emily Thompson of North Andover, formerly of Andover, on Nov. 18 at Holy Family Hos-

pital and Medical Center in Methuen. Grandparents are Elly and John Thompson of Wenham and Elaine and Doug Lathrop of Brunswick, Maine. Great-grandmothers are Evelyn Merrill and Mildred Mills, both of Brunswick, Maine. Zoe has a sibling, Julian.

**MOSHER** - A son, Owen Clarke, born to J. Scott and Debbie (Jannetti) Mosher of Methuen on Nov. 18 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jannetti of Andover and Mr. and Mrs. David Mosher of Melrose. Owen has a sister, Olivia.

**NIXON** - A son, Jason Robert, born to Robert and Alison (Phleger) Nixon of Grafton on Aug. 20 at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. Grandparents are C. Phillip and Carol Phleger of Andover and John and Ann Nixon of Canton. Jason has a brother, Brendan Charles.

**PIAZZA** - A son, J. Ryan, born to John and Ashley (Cleland) Piazza of Boxford on Nov. 9 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. Grandparents are Mrs. George E. Cleland and Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Piazza, all of Andover. Ryan has a sister, Sydney Cleland, 22 months.

**RIGOLI** - A daughter, Julie Lauren Patricia, born to Richard and Lisa (Martin) Rigoli of Spencer Court on Nov. 23 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. Grandparents are Alice Martin of Webster and Nellie and Charles Rigoli of Methuen. Julia has a brother, Christopher.

**ZIADY** - A son, Adam Joseph, born to Craig and Joan (Parsons) Ziady of Winchester on Oct. 29 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are Dick and Fran Parsons of Braintree and John and Ginny Ziady of Andover. Adam has a sister, Emily, 8.

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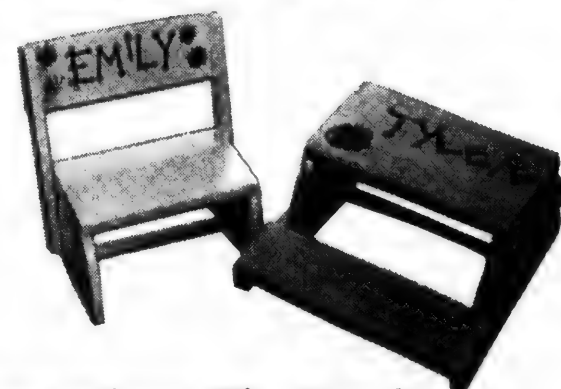
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## Arthur E. Banker

**Was an accountant  
for 40 years**

Arthur E. Banker, 78, of Andover died Saturday, Nov. 27, at Lawrence General Hospital.

The longtime resident of North Andover was a graduate of Johnson High. At a high school baseball game against Phillips Academy, he pitched against former president George Bush, the first baseman for PA.

Mr. Banker earned a degree from Bentley College.

He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

He had been an accountant for 40 years when retired from Western Electric and AT&T.

Mr. Banker was inducted into the Johnson-North Andover Hall of Fame, and was a member of Cochichewick Lodge AF&AM of North Andover, where he received a 50-year pin, Crystal Springs Golf Club, North Andover VFW, Lawrence British Club and Lawrence Lodge of Elks.

He enjoyed golfing, bowling and playing 45s.

Members of his family include his daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Kenneth Pustis of Andover, with whom he lived, Rose Marie and Stephen Kouroyen of Bangor, Maine, Joan and George Lavasseur of Easley, S.C., Jane and Stanley Molchan of West Boxford, and Kristen and David Giribaldi of Methuen; son, Donald Banker of Methuen; eight grandchildren; seven great-

grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was the widower of Marie M. MacDonald.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home in North Andover. Burial was in Ridgewood Cemetery, also in North Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to Special Olympics of Massachusetts, care of Robert Johnson, P.O. Box 303, Hawthorne, MA 01937.

## Georgina T. Petrie

**Attended local schools**

Georgina T. Petrie, 95, of Andover died Tuesday, Nov. 23, at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Petrie was born in Abroath, Scotland. She was educated in the Andover school system and graduated from MacIntosh Business School.

Mrs. Petrie was a supervisor with Tyre Rubber Co. in Andover when she retired.

She was a member of Free Christian Church, and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Order of Scottish Clans in the USA and Canada.

Members of her family include her sister, Isabella N. Petrie of Andover; brother, David R. Petrie of Medfield; several nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

A funeral service was held Friday in Burke Funeral Home. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Free Christian Church Building Fund, 31 Elm St., Andover 01810.

## Jeanette E. Lastra

**Andover native attended  
St. Augustine Church**

Jeanette E. (Cronin) Lastra, 81, of North Andover died Thursday, Nov. 25, at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen.

Mrs. Lastra was born in Andover. She attended St. Augustine Church.

Members of her family include her sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and LaDonna Lastra and Peter and Gloria Lastra, all of California, and Thomas and Judy Lastra of Woburn; daughter, Janice Carney of Salem, N.H.; brother, Thomas Cronin, also of Salem, N.H.; sister, Dorothy Mistretta of Seminole, Fla.; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday at Burke Funeral Home. Burial was in St. Augustine Cemetery.

## Margaret W. Rennie

**Punchard High graduate**

Margaret W. Rennie, 87, of Concord, N.H., died Sunday, Nov. 21, at Pleasant View Center-Genesis Elder-care.

Mrs. Rennie was born in Andover and graduated from Punchard High. She attended the College of Practical Arts & Letters at Boston University and graduated from McIntosh School.

Mrs. Rennie worked for more than 10 years for J. Clifton Ayer Insurance Agency in Wolfeboro, N.H., before she retired in 1980.

She was a member of the Concord Hospital volunteers.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, George A. and Cindy Rennie of Concord, N.H.; and two grandchildren.

## OBITUARIES

Arthur E. Banker, 78

Adelard E. Bolduc, 76

Joseph W. Kelleher

Jeanette E. Lastra, 81

Jack Miller, 47

Georgina T. Petrie, 95

Margaret W. Rennie, 87

## Deaths Elsewhere

**BOLDUC** - Adelard E. Bolduc, 76, of Lawrence died Sunday, Nov. 21, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Members of his family include his sisters, Maryann Bouse and Doris Theberge, and brother, Henry Bolduc, all of Andover.

**KELLEHER** - Joseph William Kelleher of California died Thursday, Nov. 18.

Members of his family include his sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Cdr. Harold R. Gillam of Andover.

**MILLER** - Jack Miller, 47, of Tewksbury died Thursday, Nov. 25, of a heart attack at Lahey Medical Center in Burlington.

Members of his family include his sister and brother-in-law, Harriet and Frank Forlizzi of Andover.

She was the widow of Wallace Rennie. Funeral services were private. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery.

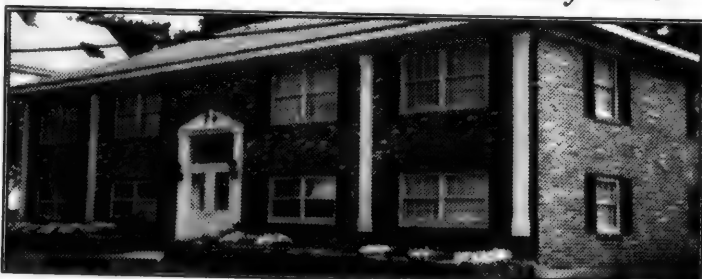
Arrangements were by Bennett Funeral Home in Concord.

Memorial contributions may be made to Concord Hospital Volunteer Department, 250 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301; or to the charity of one's choice.

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Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice. Questions? Call Jack Grady or Taylor Armerding at 475-7000.

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# NEWS FOR SENIORS

## By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center.

### Movie matinee

The movie, *The Cutting Edge*, will be shown Monday, Dec. 6, at 1 p.m. Moira Kelly and D.B. Sweeney star as the polar opposites who unite on the ice for a shot at Olympic gold in this romantic comedy from director Paul Michael Glaser.

### Fix-it shop

Fix-it volunteers will be available Tuesday, Dec. 7, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

### Class registration

Registration for the winter session of the center's exercise classes will be held the week of Dec. 6. Classes include aerobics, yoga, tai chi, line dance, strength training, men's exercise or chi gung.

### Gift certificates

Senior center gift certificates can be issued in any amount and are good for any trips, special event, class or course offered by the center. More information is available at the front desk.

### Herbal holiday taste-testing with Betsy Williams

Andover expert and author Betsy Williams will present an afternoon of herbal holiday taste-testing and sto-

rytelling Friday, Dec. 10, at 1:30 p.m. Reservations are \$5; space is limited.

### Holiday luncheon

The center will celebrate the holidays with a noon-time buffet and entertainment Monday, Dec. 13, at noon. Advance reservations are necessary. Tickets are available at the center.

### Newcomers' coffee hour

A newcomers' coffee hour will be held Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 9:30 a.m. Join Debbie for coffee and learn about the many programs, services, and activities available at the center.

### Holiday concert

The Andover High School chorus, band, Madrigal singers and orchestra will be joined by senior voices from the senior center chorus Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Collins Center. Complimentary tickets are available at the center. Transportation will be provided from senior housing sites.

### Holiday supper club

Supper will be at Old Oaken Bucket Restaurant in Westford on Thursday, Dec. 9. Menu choices are lumberjack pie, petit sirloin, one-half barbecue chicken or baked scrod. Cost of \$20

includes dinner, gratuity and transportation. Payment is due at time of reservation. All are welcome.

### Men's breakfast

Judy Goonyep will share her trip across the country, to visit the 13 other Andovers in the United States, with a slide show and lecture Friday, Dec. 10, at 8:30 a.m. Men are invited to bring a spouse or guest at no additional charge.

### Poinsettia and cookie sale

Stop by the center Friday, Dec. 17, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and pick up a holiday plant, all sizes. Christmas crafts and cookies will also be available. The sale is made possible through the generosity of the Spade & Trowel Garden Club, Fred and Mary Arakelian, Shawsheen Village Women's Club, and Andover Garden Club.

### Christmas at the Rose Cottage

A special holiday house tour of the Rose Cottage will be held Sunday, Dec. 12, from 2 to 6 p.m. The donation is \$10 per person with proceeds benefiting the Andover Senior Center building fund. Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling 470-2333. This is a wonderful way to support the Senior Center campaign.

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## MSPCA wish list

When putting together your holiday gift plans, the MSPCA hopes you remember the many animals in need.

The MSPCA is always in need of blankets and towels to make warm and comfortable beds for shelter animals, paper towels, Kleenex, hand-held can openers, laundry detergent and bleach, cat and dog toys, and treats or food for other small animals and birds.

Donations can be dropped off at the MSPCA's Methuen animal shelter or barn at 400 Broadway, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday, and noon-7 p.m. Thursday.

# Business

## Business briefs ...

### Pascuito is new president of Tooling and Machining Assn.

The Boston Tooling and Machining Association (BTMA) elected its 1999-2000 board of officers and directors at its annual meeting held at Peabody Essex Museum.

First past president of the association **Michael Tamasi** of AccuRounds Inc., of Avon, welcomed new president **Carl Pascuito**, of Andover, of Custom Machine Co. Inc. in Woburn; Vice President **Andrew Martens** of M & H Engineering Co. in Danvers; and Treasurer **Arthur Sarcione** of Excalibur Precision Machine Co. Inc. in Hampstead, N.H.

The BTMA promotes the precision custom manufacturing industry in New England and provides its members with technological, networking, financial, marketing and governmental resources to excel in the global marketplace. Membership comes from manufacturers in Eastern Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine.

### Simard named CFO at Merrimack College

Merrimack College announced that **Patricia Gannon Simard** has been appointed vice president of fiscal affairs and chief financial officer. She will be responsible for overall leadership and management of financial strategies, accounting, human resources and purchasing for the North Andover college.

Simard had more than 10 years of financial management experience, most recently as senior managing director of finance programs for the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency. She managed all the agency's financing programs, including tax-exempt bonds, direct loans and loan guarantees, with an emphasis on education bond finance. Prior to joining Mass. Development, Simard was chief financial officer at The Children's Museum in Boston.

Simard holds a master of public administration degree from Suffolk University and a bachelor of arts degree in economics from The College of the Holy Cross. She is a member of Pi Alpha Alpha, National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration. A native of Andover, she currently lives in Winchester.

### Vicor announces third-quarter results

Vicor Corp. announced its financial results for the quarter ended Sept. 30. Revenues for the quarter increased 26 percent to \$49,373,000 compared with \$39,318,000 for the corresponding period a year ago. Net income and earnings per share (diluted) for the quarter increased 83 percent to \$5,558,000 vs. \$3,042,000 and 13 cents vs. 7 cents, from the corresponding period in 1998.

For the nine months ended Sept. 30, revenues increased to \$136,145,000 vs. \$124,228,000 for the same period of 1998. Net income and

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## You want it? His Web site may have it

The "reverse-buying" model may not be exactly what you think it is. It doesn't refer to your significant other going back to the mall to return all the things he or she bought that you thought were unnecessary and getting refunds.

It's still about buying. But an Andover Internet entrepreneur is hoping that it will transform the way people shop on the Web.

**Shabbir Dahod**, a 1981 graduate of Phillips Academy with a degree in computer science from Boston University, has been involved in entrepreneurial efforts in the computer revolution for all of his professional life, but for the most part, he has worked for other companies, including Microsoft and SuperCede, a Paul Allen company.

Now, however, he is a founding partner of iWant.com, a Web site company in Burlington that seeks to bring sellers to buyers, instead of the other way around. So far, he says, even e-commerce is based mainly on the old model of buyers seeking out sellers.

iWant.com attempts to turn that around, as follows: People looking for a product come to the site and register using an anonymous name, password, e-mail address and zip code. They then go to a general category — ranging from travel to real estate, collectibles and automobiles — and enter specifically what they want, in their own words.

Sellers, who can range from individuals to large corporations, then browse the site looking for people who want to buy their product. As a company press release puts it, "The buyers simply wait for the sellers to come to them."

How is this any different from an online auction site?

Dahod says his idea has several advantages. "At an auction site, buyers have to search endlessly to find what they want, and then compete for it. And most of the action takes place in the last 10 seconds or so (that the item is up for auction). That's extremely inconvenient for buyers."

iWant, he says, offers advantages to both buyers and sellers.

"The buyer can remain anonymous," he says, "which means you don't have to disclose anything. And the sellers have a great benefit because they don't have to spend all this money on advertising. This connects them with somebody who wants

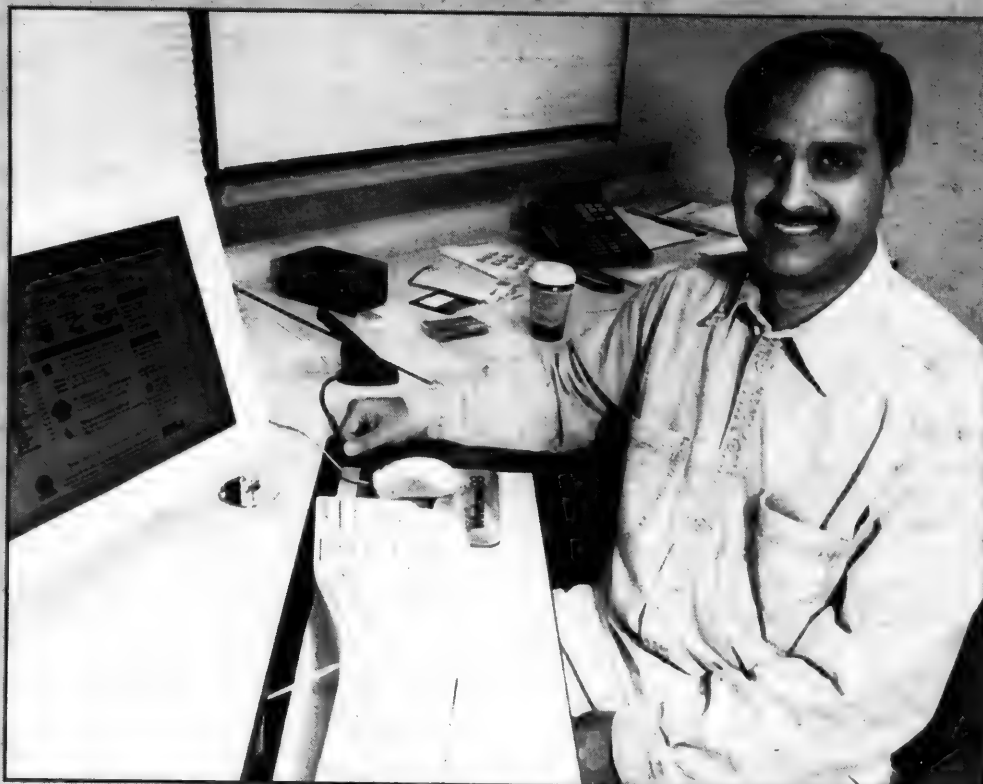


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**Thinking in reverse — Andover's Shabbir Dahod says the better way to shop on the Web is to let buyers say what they want, and then let the sellers come to them.**

to buy their product."

Dahod says he got the idea from his wife, **Jasmine**, who asked him why he didn't try to launch a Web product she could use. "I asked what kinds of problems she was running into," he says. "She's a CPA, and is also the CFO (chief financial officer) for the household, and had just started using the Net. She found it very frustrating, and was doing a lot of searching as a consumer."

"This helps with that, and is also good for sellers because it is a more proactive way to find customers."

The early returns are promising, he says. Since the site was launched in August, iWant.com now has more than 55,000 users, there have been 20,000 "connections" between buyers and sellers, and more than 40,000 "wants" posted. The company now has 24 employees.

Dahod acknowledges that there is nothing really preventing somebody else from launching the same idea, but says in the world of Web commerce, "it has been proven over and over again that the company that starts first builds up momentum. It grows exponentially. Somebody who comes in later has a much steeper climb. So the first mover has a huge advantage."

Second, he says the site's method of connecting buyers and sellers is "a pure Internet mechanism. We have filed a patent on that, and would certainly defend it."

At the moment, all the transactions

are free to both buyer and seller, and Dahod says they will always be free to buyers. So how does he plan to make some money, and satisfy the primary investor, venture capital firm Matrix Partners?

Easy. Dahod says sellers "are used to paying for services that generate business. And what we charge will be far less than what they would have to pay to advertise traditionally."

He adds that even sellers will be given an introductory period when they will not be charged. "Like with any new thing, you want people to experience it," he says.

It sounds a bit like this site would be only for people like collectors, looking for esoteric things, since it doesn't take much searching, either on the Web or in the physical world, to find regular clothes, best-selling books or cars.

Dahod calls them "considered purchases — unique things that are hard to find, but not necessarily esoteric. It might be something like a vacation in Africa, and you don't know where to start looking."

"Now you can have people contacting you, from anywhere in the world."

And does he hope to take iWant.com public?

That's a logical goal, he says, "But right now, we're focused on building the business. We don't have any date set."

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# BUSINESS

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earnings per share (diluted) were \$13,391,000 vs. \$12,612,000 in 1998 and 32 cents vs. 29 cents in 1998, respectively.

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## Andover Bank announces third-quarter earnings

Andover Bancorp Inc. announced third-quarter net income of \$4.5 million, 69 cents per share (67 cents diluted), substantially equivalent to the results for the third quarter of 1998. The third quarter of 1998 included a \$1.1-million tax credit.

For the nine months ended Sept. 30, 1999, net income totaled \$14.1 million, \$2.16 per share (\$2.10 diluted), as compared with \$13.4 million, \$2.07 per share (\$2 diluted), for the same period in 1998.

The nine-months results for 1999 included a pretax gain of \$1.1 million, which was recorded in the first quarter, from the curtailment of the pension plan. The nine-months results for 1998 included the tax credit as well as a pretax credit for loan losses of approximately \$2.2 million.

The company also announced that its board of directors voted to increase the cash dividend 14 percent, to 24 cents per share. The dividend is payable

Nov. 16 to stockholders of record on Nov. 1, 1999.

Gerald T. Mulligan, president and chief executive officer, said, "The 12-percent year-to-date increase in net interest income in 1999 over 1998 is due in part to a better mix of both loans and deposits. Commercial, construction and land, and commercial real estate loan balances have grown 34 percent from Sept. 30, 1998, to Sept. 30, 1999. These higher yielding loan types now represent almost 27 percent of the loan portfolio, up from 21 percent last year. On the deposit side, we have experienced continued success in growing commercial and consumer demand deposits by almost 30 percent during this time frame. We are hopeful that customer disruptions from industry consolidation and extensive branch sales will provide Andover Bank with the opportunity for continued growth even within our present market area."

The company has not recorded a provision for loan losses year-to-date in 1999 versus \$400,000 during the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1998, and a credit of \$1.8 million for the first nine months of 1998. Despite the lack of a loan loss provision in 1999, the allowance for loan losses has risen during the first nine months due to net recoveries of \$935,000.

During the third quarter of 1999, the company recorded a net loss of \$415,000 from the sale of securities and loans versus a net gain of \$165,000 for the third quarter of 1998. Included in the current quarter's loss was a \$385,000 loss from the sale of certain lower yielding investment securities. Reinvestment of the sale proceeds is expected to enhance future earnings.

Andover Bancorp Inc. is the holding company of Andover Bank, a Massachusetts-chartered savings bank organized in 1834.



**Brushing up —** Federal Express employee David Steele, of Andover, paints a doorway inside of the Malden YWCA during United Way's eighth annual Fall Community Care Day — one of the largest volunteer efforts in the state. Steele was one of about eight Federal Express employees who helped paint and clean at the agency. Some 1,500 employees from about 45 local companies traded in a day at the office for a day of service on 65 projects at human service agencies across eastern Massachusetts. They ranged from conducting field trips for preschoolers and spending time with the elderly; painting and cleaning; landscaping and raking leaves.

## Lapham/Miller hires new president

Lapham/Miller Associates, of Andover, has announced the hiring of Chip Rives as its president. The move, combined with other initiatives to be announced in the near future, will help secure Lapham/Miller's position in full-service marketing communication well into the new millennium.

Rives served as president of sports and entertainment marketing at Woolfe Associates. He created and managed integrated marketing programs, working with clients that included John Hancock, Bell Atlantic, Fleet, Stop & Shop, Major League baseball, UNUM, and Liberty Mutual.

"We are extremely excited about the addition of Chip Rives and the way this positions us to more appropriately respond to incredible growth opportunities," said Ken Miller, a

founding partner. "Understandably, our clients are demanding more of our time and talent. With Chip joining us, we will be better able to serve our existing clients while gaining more market reach. Chip will help us continue to deliver consistent communication expertise, while expanding our capabilities."

Rives has an MBA from Babcock Graduate School of Management at Wake Forest University. He is founder and chairman of Believe in Kids Inc., a North Carolina-based, non-profit philanthropic organization, and was *Sports Illustrated* Sportsman of the Year in 1987 for his sports and community involvement. He is on the Board of Overseers for the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Boston.

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# Sports

## Central Catholic defense stuffs Warriors, 30-6, on Turkey Day

By Rick Harrison

LAWRENCE — This was definitely not the way Andover High head football coach Ken Maglio and his players had envisioned the season finale would go.

But, with a cold rain coming down and 1,800 hardy fans looking on, the Golden Warriors were never able to get their offense untracked as Matt Kobelski and Central Catholic registered a 30-6 Thanksgiving Day win at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Central led only 10-6 midway through the third quarter, but eventually wore the locals down and rode Kobelski's 171 yards rushing and one touchdown to the victory.

AHS had negative yards rushing until a couple of late runs against the Central reserves enabled the Warriors to finish with plus 10 on the ground.

Quarterback Chris Rogers had several well-thrown passes dropped, but two others were intercepted and he completed only 4-of-18 for 55 yards.

The best toss of the day was a pinpoint 27-yard TD strike to Pat Murnane, who made an over-the-shoulder grab late in the first half for the only points Andover could muster.

It was the 13th TD pass this fall for Rogers, the most since Brandon McCue also threw 13 (all to John Perry) during the 1987 season (one less game).

Murnane's TD reception was his team-high sixth this year and 13th over the past two autumns.

Central has now beaten Andover 11 of the last 13 years on Turkey Day.

"Strange things happen on Thanksgiving and this was a tough one," said Maglio. "It just wasn't our day. Central beat us up front — in the trenches. We couldn't get anything going or sustain any drives.

"We had no time to throw, and their defense stuffed our running game by closing up the holes quickly.

"We had a couple of slips on the wet field our first two possessions — and that didn't help. But hopefully it was a learning experience for our younger

kids."

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"Kobelski was great. He ran tough. He ran like a man today," said Central coach Chuck Adamopoulos, who also celebrated his 40th birthday on Thanksgiving.

"Our line, especially the left side with (tackle) Brian Trowbridge and (guard) Gary Quinn, along with halfbacks Aaron Lacharite and Darren Shaw, did a tremendous job blocking."

Central, the 1997 and 1998 MVC and Eastern Mass. Division 2-B Super Bowl champion, piled up all of its 283 yards on the ground in 51 rushes.

"We didn't have to throw," said Adamopoulos, whose quarterback Miles Page attempted just one pass which fell incomplete.

"We wanted to control the ball and keep it away from the Andover offense — which has been explosive at times this season. We put together a few six or seven minute drives and it probably wore them down in the second half. They have a lot of kids playing both ways.

"We didn't want (Mike) Giles to get untracked because he's an excellent runner," said Adamopoulos. "And Rogers may have done better on a dry field. The rain came early. It wasn't expected until the afternoon. But when it started during our pre-game warmups I wasn't sad."

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The Golden Warriors were without three key players.

Sophomore linebacker Sean Smith and senior linebacker Mike Zizzo were both sidelined with injuries.

Smith suffered a neck injury on the first play of the Chelmsford game several weeks ago, and Zizzo also broke his right ankle the same night.

"They were two of our top tacklers and defensive leaders," said Maglio. "Both players stepped it up this season. Smith is one of the best linebackers we've had at Andover since Jeff Towne. His football instincts and work ethic are

both excellent."

Junior 267-pound two-way tackle Anthony Vancini also missed the game.

In their absence Ben Perkins, Andy Yurko and Pat Murnane played strong defensive games, finishing with 10 tackles each, while end Jon Maloney reached QB Page for the locals' only two sacks.

But the Golden Warriors were unable to force any Central turnovers, as the Raiders stayed on the ground and recovered their only fumble.

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While both teams tried to adjust to the slippery field, the first quarter developed into an exchange of punts.

With less than one minute left in the period, CCHS placekicker Sean Landers tried a 27 yard field goal, which sailed wide right.

Andover finished the quarter with minus 18 yards total offense.

Midway through the second period Kobelski carried seven consecutive times for 63 yards and the game's first touchdown, which came as he took a pitchout from Page and rambled six yards for the score.

Landers added the conversion for a 7-0 lead with 3:58 left in the half.

Andover took the ensuing kickoff and moved 67 yards in just three plays for its only TD.

Back-to-back pass interference calls on Central put AHS in Raiders' territory, and a 20 yard pass from Rogers to Pat Murnane brought the ball to the CCHS 22.

After a delay of game penalty against the Golden Warriors, Rogers lofted a pass to Pat Murnane, who made the catch in the right back corner of the end zone.

Central kept a slim 7-6 lead when the conversion kick drifted off to the right.

A big turning point came in the final minute of the half, when a Rogers' pass was tipped and intercepted by Jamie Durkin, who returned the ball 20 yards from the Central 35 to the Andover 45.

Kobelski ran four times and brought

the Raiders to the AHS nine, before Maloney broke through and sacked Page for a nine-yard loss.

That set up a 36 yard field goal by Landers on the final play of the second quarter, sending Central off the field with a 10-6 lead.

"The slant pass that was tipped and intercepted was huge," said Maglio. "It changed the whole momentum of the game."

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Central dominated the final two quarters, holding Andover to one first down and 21 yards total offense (12 running, nine passing).

The Golden Warriors ran just six plays the entire third quarter. Central clicked off 11 more plays than AHS in the second half and held a wide 64-47 edge for the game.

Aaron Lacharite added a six yard TD run midway through the third period, and Landers' kick made it 17-6.

In the fourth quarter Central's Bill Murray (four yard run) and Jarrod Pelletier (24 yard run) both scored their first touchdown of the season five minutes apart.

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Andover finished the season 5-6 overall and 3-5 in the MVC, while Central checked out at 6-4 overall and 5-3 league.

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"I thought we did well this season," said Maglio. "We had only one returning offensive player. Two of the new kids, Rogers and (wide receiver/placekicker) Charles Murnane, emerged right away and we were fortunate they did.

"Both were first-year senior players and they were terrific. Rogers was our biggest surprise. He came a long way. He won the job in pre-season and stayed there. And Murnane came on like gangbusters," noted Maglio.

"Our captains — Mike Giles, Pat Murnane and Luis Santiago — showed outstanding leadership."

### GAME-BY-GAME

#### ANDOVER (5-6)

Billerica 27, Andover 0  
Foxboro 21, Andover 7  
Andover 35, Lawrence 7  
Andover 21, Dracut 6  
Andover 28, North Andover 8  
Andover 30, Methuen 7  
Tewksbury 20, Andover 0  
Lowell 34, Andover 33  
Chelmsford 28, Andover 21  
Andover 41, Haverhill 22  
Central Catholic 30, Andover 6

Points For: 222

Points Against: 210

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Streaky Andover opened the season on a down note, losing the first two games to Billerica (27-0) and non-league Foxboro (21-7).

The Golden Warriors then caught fire and ripped off four consecutive lopsided wins against Lawrence, Dracut, North Andover and Methuen — with 15 points the smallest margin of victory.

The roller coaster ride continued as the locals lost their next three, including last-quarter heartbreakers to Lowell (34-33) and Chelmsford (28-21), before cruising past Haverhill, 41-22.

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All-Conference running back Mike Giles led AHS in scoring with 84 points.

Giles notched his team-high 13th and 14th touchdowns of the season against Haverhill, making him the highest scoring AHS player since Steve Shepard had 86 points in 1992. John Perry (1987) and Dave Tucker (1989) also scored 84 points.

Charles Murnane finished with 55

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### FOOTBALL

#### CENTRAL CATHOLIC 30, ANDOVER 6 at Veterans Memorial Stadium, Lawrence

Andover 0 6 0 0 — 6  
Central Catholic 0 10 7 13 — 30

CC: Matt Kobelski 6 run (Sean Landers kick)  
A: Pat Murnane 27 pass from Chris Rogers (kick failed)  
CC: Landers 36 yard field goal  
CC: Aaron Lacharite 6 run (Landers kick)  
CC: Bill Murray 4 run (kick failed)  
CC: Jarrod Pelletier 24 run (Dan Vitale kick)

#### Team Statistics

First Downs: Andover 6; Central Catholic 13.  
Rushes/Yards: Andover 18-10; Central Catholic 51-283.  
Passing: Andover 4-20-3, 55 yards, TD; Central Catholic 0-1-0.  
Total Yards: Andover 65; Central Catholic 283.  
Fumbles/Lost: Andover 3-0; Central Catholic 1-0.  
Punts-Ave: Andover 5-29.9; Central Catholic 3-24.  
Penalties/Yds: Andover 8-62; Central Catholic 11-90.  
Scrimmage Plays: Andover 47; Central Catholic 64.  
Final Records: Andover 5-6, Central Catholic 6-4.

#### Individual Statistics

Rushing: A, Chris Rogers 8-6; Bruce Brown 1-6; Mike Giles 4-3; Ben Perkins 2-2; Charles Murnane 1-1; Charlie Tardugno 1-(-3). CC, Matt Kobelski 27-171, TD; Bill Murray 2-44, TD; Aaron Lacharite 5-32, TD; Darren Shaw 10-30; Jarrod Pelletier 2-27, TD; Andrew Matos 2-6; Miles Page 4-(-4).  
Passing: A, Chris Rogers 4-18-2, 55 yards, TD; Danny Hughes 0-2-1, CC, Miles Page 0-1-0.  
Receiving: A, Pat Murnane 3-46, TD; Ben Perkins 1-9.  
Interceptions: CC, Jamie Durkin 1; Miles Page 1; Scott Campbell 1.  
Fumble Recoveries: None.  
Sacks by: A, Jon Maloney 2, CC, Bill Murray 1, Matt Kobelski 1.  
Leading Tacklers: A, Ben Perkins 10, Pat Murnane 10.

### ANDOVER SCORING

#### FOOTBALL (11 games)

#### FINAL STATISTICS

	TD	PA	Pts.
Mike Giles	14	0	84
x-Charles Murnane	5	22	55
Pat Murnane	6	2	38
Chris Rogers	3	0	18
Bruce Brown	1	0	6
Andy Gallagher	1	0	6
Ben Perkins	1	0	6
Luis Santiago	1	0	6
Jon Martin	0	2	2
Casey Rillahan	0	1	1

x = kicked 1 field goal

TD Passes: Chris Rogers 13, Mike Giles 1.

TD Receptions: Pat Murnane 6, Charles Murnane 5, Mike Giles 3.

Top Rusher: Mike Giles, 627 yards.



Photo by Carol Van Doren

Charles Murnane is nailed by Central Catholic defenders.



# 12TH ANNUAL FEASTER FIVE ROAD RACE

Here are the results, by race, for Andover runners taking part in the 12th annual Feaster Five Road Race, held Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 25. (The kids 1K race is not scored.)

## 5K RESULTS / ANDOVER ONLY

OVERALL FINISH + NAME	TIME
3 MATTHEW ELY	16:04
6 MATTHEW PIMENTEL	16:59
7 CHRIS RILLAHAN	17:03
22 TIM GALEBACH	17:53
38 GERRY DUGGAN	18:45
42 JAMES HAMILTON	18:49
44 THOMAS LANE	18:57
45 BRIAN RHODES	19:01
51 BRIAN GOSSELIN	19:15
60 NATHAN EFINGER	19:34
85 KYLE SMITH	20:48
96 JIM BATTS	21:02
98 CHARLES ZANASSI	21:06
99 JOSEPH POIRIER	21:11
113 BOB MACDOUGALL	21:35
115 PHILIP SHAW	21:40
132 STEPHEN GRAHAM	22:11
135 NATHAN GOSSE	22:16
136 LISA DREW	22:18
145 PETER PAGLIA	22:37
149 RAY DANIELS	22:50
167 MARC SHAUGHNESSY	22:50
167 MATTHEW ROTMAN	23:19
175 ED COLLINS	23:23
182 ELLEN SULLIVAN	23:32
183 FRANK NIGH	23:33
187 JACK FOEHL	23:36
189 CHRIS BROUILLARD	23:39
196 DAVID DOYLE	23:50
200 MIKE YORE	23:57
208 COLIN HUTZLER	24:06
216 DANIEL GODEFROI	24:28
221 BILLY LINDMARK	24:37
222 ANDREW PREZKOT	24:38
227 PAUL FINN	24:43
230 BOB COOK	24:45
237 THOMAS SPITZER	24:51
238 JUSTIN PYTKA	24:51
240 SAM NIGH	24:52
242 ALEX MAGNIN	24:55
244 BRENDAN PYTKA	24:59
252 MATT SPITZER	25:07
254 MICHAEL AGOSTINO	25:09
258 BOB O'LEARY	25:13
262 SCOTT TOBIAS	25:24
263 CALDER ZWERLING	25:24
264 LESLIE WILLEY	25:24
273 GREG MANNING	25:31
276 SABRINA WOOD	25:31
277 SUSAN MCGILVRAY-RIVET	25:35
281 RAJIV SHEEL	25:38
283 ADREA LEE	25:38
296 BOB KATZ	25:48
298 JAKE DELANEY	25:56
299 LORI PAGLIA	25:57
301 ALEX RUDA	26:00
302 BRIAN GERRIOR	26:01
310 THOMAS DOUCETTE	26:04
313 ALEXANDER ORTSTEIN	26:05



OVERALL FINISH + NAME	TIME
314 BRIAN DONOVAN	26:06
317 DANIEL ANDREWS	26:07
319 WILLIAM PECERONI	26:09
320 DUNCAN LENNON	26:09
321 GREG MORISSETTE	26:09
325 ERIK SHAUGHNESSY	26:11
327 MATT LENNON	26:12
332 RYAN FITZPATRICK	26:14
338 SARAH WALLACE	26:17
339 RACHEL HIGGINBOTTOM	26:17
342 LOUISE GIORANI	26:19
349 RICK HYSLIP	26:23
352 ADAM ROUSMANIERE	26:25
353 SAMUEL GERBER	26:25
354 MARK EFINGER	26:26
356 DREW HAYES	26:31
357 JOANNE MATTISON	26:33
363 COURTNEY FAMIGLIETTI	26:37
367 LUKE LIGGETT	26:39
368 WALLY HAYES	26:40
369 SCOTT SIMPSON	26:40
371 MATT CHAPIN	26:41
372 JOHN HYSLIP	26:41
373 NIGEL WILKINSON	26:42
376 ADELE GALEBACH	26:42
378 ALISON BURNS	26:43
383 STEVEN GERSTEIN	26:45
404 JOHN PROCHLO	26:53
411 SEAN SLIFER	26:58
420 JOHN GORMAN	27:01
423 DEREK SCHWARZ	27:04
425 MICHAEL BURNS	27:05
434 LEONARD GREENE	27:12
437 DOUGLAS BROWN	27:13
438 DAVID BALETSA	27:13
439 YURI KAZAREVICH	27:14
441 GREGORY BALETSA	27:15
447 BRIAN HILL	27:19
450 PETER HILL	27:19
451 LARA DEVANEY	27:19
452 TINA GATTI	27:21
458 LISABETH WILLEY	27:23
460 KURT HESPEL	27:25
462 STEPHEN GALEBACH	27:25
472 DANIEL DONOVAN	27:32
474 MATTHEW DALLETT	27:34
475 PHILLIP KELLEY	27:36

OVERALL FINISH + NAME	TIME
476 JANE KOBELSKI	27:36
484 CHIP FAULKNER	27:48
486 KEITH DAVIDSON	27:50
497 JORDAN FUHR	27:51
500 IAN DEMPSEY	27:54
503 MATT RAYNER	27:55
507 MICHELE CAMAROTA	27:57
513 ALLISON CAFFREY	28:00
514 BEN KELLMAN	28:00
517 KEN MURRAY	28:03
518 ABBEY GOLDSTEIN	28:04
520 MICHAEL SHAUGHNESSY	28:05
522 CYNTHIA RAYNER	28:06
523 HAIM LEVKOWITZ	28:08
525 MATTHEW NEWTON	28:09
526 PETER NEWTON	28:11
531 NOALA BONESS	28:12
537 ELISE CAFFREY	28:15
539 JOSHUA ACCOMANDO	28:18
552 JACQUELYN POWERS	28:21
554 KIMBERLY VENTURA	28:22
556 MICHELLE YORE	28:23
558 DOUGLAS COYLE	28:25
564 JENNIFER POWERS	28:28
566 LAUREN NALLY	28:28
571 MATHEU MASSICOTTE	28:29
578 KELLY CRONIN	28:31
584 BRANDON COONEY	28:34
589 CATHERINE POIRIER	28:37
591 ALEXANDRA CAFFREY	28:39
593 CAROLYN ENNIS	28:40
598 LILIA GRINCHA	28:44
601 SUSAN SCHWARZ	28:48
606 ANDREW MARSHALL	28:51
610 ERIK MARCHESE	28:51
613 DAVID BUKA	28:52
618 BRIAN BURNS	28:54
621 CASSANDRA VALLER	28:55
626 LAURYN MCPHEE	28:56
631 TORSTEN BUSACKER	28:59
635 ALAN TUTTMAN	29:02
636 KEALY O'CONNOR	29:03
639 RICK KELLER	29:04
652 JESSICA TUTTMAN	29:09
654 DAVID KLOSS	29:10
664 KATIE DLESK	29:14
669 JOANNE TRAYERS	29:15

OVERALL FINISH + NAME	TIME
670 SHANNON COONEY	29:15
671 CJ SAVAGE	29:17
674 LINDA MANNING	29:18
675 JOHN DENISON	29:18
676 MAJU SAVAGE	29:18
680 NATHAN MACKENZIE	29:21
681 JENICKA HORNUNG	29:21
684 ALLYSON FORTIER	29:23
685 TRISTINA CARLSON	29:24
687 JOHN PANICHELLI	29:24
697 ART ROUSMANIERE	29:29
698 SCOTT VALLER	29:29
699 ANDY BERMAN	29:30
700 H STAFFORD MCCOART	29:31
712 KEVIN SHAW	29:36
717 WILLIAM SHAUGHNESSY	29:38
719 CHRISTINA CAHILL	29:38
720 TOM CAHILL	29:38
737 KATHY KELLMAN	29:48
738 JANIS WRIGHT	29:48
739 JAY MERCHANT	29:48
742 LINDA PAOLERA	29:49
745 BRIGID HURLEY	29:50
750 CHRISTOPHER BURKE	29:54
751 RYAN HUTZLER	29:54
752 DONNA CHRETIEN	29:54
756 NATASHA CAMILO	29:57
759 LAURA GOLDSTEIN	29:58
760 DAVID AMSDEN	29:59
766 KEVIN CALABRO	30:02
768 CAROLE CROWTHER	30:03
770 FRANK BOMBA	30:04
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799 SHANNON COONEY	30:18
803 ELLEN BUCKLEY	30:20
807 TIMOTHY DEMPSEY	30:21
808 LEONARD KUBLIN	30:21
812 DEBBIE DREW	30:24
817 TYLER BISHOP	30:28

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828 ALYSSA GEARY	30:29
829 ZACHARY GASTARIAN	30:29
835 CAITLIN O'CONNOR	30:32
838 MICHAEL GERSTEIN	30:33
841 EVAN CARTER	30:34
843 BRITANY MORIARTY	30:34
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851 JESSYCA KATZ	30:38
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855 CHRISTOPHER MAGNIN	30:40
858 MIKE BRINK	30:41
860 GABRIELLE TRAUB	30:41
861 ROBERT SULLIVAN	30:41
864 KENNETH TRAUB	30:42
867 BRANDON ANTONAKOS	30:42
868 SEAN CALDERHEAD	30:42
869 SHERRY NADWORN	30:42
871 JOHN MARTIN	30:43
878 KARL THIELE	30:46
879 NORMAN POISSON	30:46
880 KRISTINA JETTE	30:46
885 ALAN JETTE	30:48
890 JUDITH CRONIN	30:51
891 BOB PARK	30:51
895 TOM TANIN	30:53
901 GARRETT BERUBE	30:57
903 RYAN HEAVEY	30:58
915 CHERYL COONEY	31:02
917 TOMO HASEGAWA	31:06
924 KENNETH AHERN	31:08
926 CLAUDIA SOO HOO	31:08
928 DEAN LAPIERRE	31:09
929 LYSANNE LAPIERRE	31:09
930 PATRICK BATESON	31:09
935 CAROLYN DAMPHOUSSE	31:11
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939 JENNIFER THORPE	31:12
941 EMILY YURKO	31:13
942 PATSY GAJ	31:13
945 ALEX SVEC	31:16
951 JACKIE KOVACS	31:20
954 JILLIAN MANN	31:21
955 KELLEY WALSH	31:21
958 RICHARD FOX	31:22
963 ERIN GROGAN	31:23

OVERALL FINISH + NAME	TIME
967 LAURIE WILLEY	31:23
970 PETER SHAW	31:23
972 RON RAPPAP	31:25
976 JOHN PERIGAUT	31:27
978 PAT BATESON	31:28
987 KATHLEEN ALAIMO	31:33
990 TOM ALAIMO	31:34
991 MICHELLE L GRAHAM	31:34
992 THOMAS LABRIE	31:34
997 CHELSEA MCCABE	31:39
998 TODD NORDBLOM	31:39
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1000 LYNN SCHLECKSER	31:40
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1137 DAVID ROUNTREE JR.	32:48

## FEASTER FIVE Leaders of the Pack

Photos by Carol Van Doren



**Dave Hinga of Lowell**  
First male finisher in 5 mile/8K race



**Terri Anne McGettrick of Andover**  
First female finisher in 5 mile/8K race



**Dylan Gully of Andover**  
Kids 1K winner, 6-and-under division



# FEASTER RESULTS

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# Busby's diving excellence helped power Lady Warriors to the top

By Rick Harrison

The rise of Andover High junior Jen Busby to the top of the state diving world has been rapid.

Her first-place finish at the recent All-State Championship Meet at Wellesley College accounted for 16 of the 32 diving points that gave AHS an early lead it never relinquished in the competition the Lady Warriors won handily.

Busby started diving several years ago during the summer with the Indian Ridge Country Club team. This is her third season with the Lady Warriors and she does not belong to any outside teams.

She also played soccer prior to high school and was a gymnast until a nasty spill off a backyard trampoline tore apart her left elbow and cut short her gymnastics career.

"I've had surgery on the elbow three times. It doesn't bother my diving but it's stopped me from doing a few other things," said Busby, flashing a state championship smile.

Busby isn't exactly sure why her diving has improved by leaps and bounds recently. Or — if she knows — she isn't talking.

"I've been a lot more consistent but that's about it. Coach (Mary) Schissel is really good. She doesn't make us do anything we're not ready for and she doesn't pressure us."



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

**Busby & Co. — Jen Busby (third from left) with diving mates Gretchen Fuhr, Krit Kearins and Kristen Elsmore.**

The talented Busby is also quick to point out that equally-adept AHS diving mates Kristen Elsmore, Krit Kearins and Gretchen Fuhr are just as vital to the Lady Warriors' success.

During the regular season they took turns placing first in dual meets.

"I'm pretty sure Jen is our first state diving champ," said coach Schissel. "She started to emerge last year. She's very focused and determined."

"Jen is definitely having fun when she's practicing or competing — but she's also serious about analyzing each part of every dive and discussing it with me. She likes the feedback."

"She's very athletic and knows her body and its limits," continued Schissel. "She senses what she can and cannot do with a dive."

"Jen also is great with little tips to the other divers. One of the best things about this group is the camaraderie. They're all pulling for one another and Kristen, Krit and Gretchen have also done a fine job all season."

Schissel is not surprised that Busby nailed down the North Sectional and state titles.

"Ever since I've known Jen she's been this way. She's more focused and comes on stronger at the end of the season. The bigger the meet the better she performs."

At the sectional and state meets all divers must perform six optional and five required dives, with the optional dives carrying differing degrees of difficulty.

"Technique is important to the judges," said Busby. "It's better to

do a less difficult dive and do it perfectly than to try something that might be beyond your ability."

"Coach Schissel and I get together to decide what dives I'll do. She always makes sure all of us are comfortable with the ones we choose."

Busby's 432.85 points were slightly below her winning sectional total of 454.30. But the explanation is simple.

"There are judges from both the north and south (parts of the state) and the scoring is always tougher at this meet," said Busby.

She was a little more than 10 points better than runner-up Alisha Lee of Seekonk (422.50), while North runner-up Heather Brogan of Notre Dame Academy-Tyngsboro was a quarter-point behind Lee at 422.25.

"I was nervous (about winning) because it was really close for first place — and my last dive wasn't as good as I wanted it to be."

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Busby said there was a very good feeling about this Andover team before the season started.

"We knew we had a lot of really strong swimmers. Last year we also had Caroline (state runner-up Crocker) as our No. 1 diver. This year, with Caroline graduated, it looked like Kristen (Elsmore), Krit (Kearins) and I would be the top

three, but we needed a fourth — and Gretchen (Fuhr) stepped in."

Jen, at 16, is the youngest of three children. Older brother Rob, 20, was an ice hockey and baseball standout at AHS now attending Worcester Polytech and brother Matt, 18, is a senior at the high school.

At the sectional and state meet the diving is always in the morning and the swim races in the afternoon.

In both meets Busby, Elsmore, Kearins and Fuhr gave the Lady Warrior swimmers a huge lead going into the afternoon, piling up 38 points at sectionals and 32 at states.

"The first thing we ask when we get off the bus at these meets is 'how did the divers do?' and it's awesome to find out they scored so many points," said Sally Brown.

"We love the divers," added Holy Boucher. "We go into the meet a little more relaxed and confident with their points already up on the board."

"It's a little extra motivation," said Caitlin Geary.

"They (swimmers) wanted that same feeling at states they had at sectionals," said coach Fitzgerald. "They like the added security of a big lead going into the afternoon."

Jen Busby & Co. gave it to them.

## Practices begin for AHS winter sports teams

By Rick Harrison

Andover High winter sports teams were allowed to begin formal practices for the upcoming 1999-2000 season this past Monday.

AHS will once again have 10 winter sports including boys basketball, girls basketball, ice hockey, girls track, boys track, girls gymnastics, boys gymnastics, boys

skiing, girls skiing and boys swimming.

Head coaches are Dave Fazio (boys basketball), Jim Tildsley (girls basketball), Bill Cullen (hockey), Art Iworsley (track), Julie Chapman (girls gymnastics), Jack Gleason and Steve Sirois (boys gymnastics), Tom Busta (skiing) and Mark Taffe (boys swimming).

The boys and girls bas-

ketball teams will square off against their Lowell High counterparts on Saturday, Dec. 11 as part of the inaugural UMass Lowell "Hoop Jam" at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell.

There will be four games and various other holiday-related activities during the all-day Jam.

The Andover-Lowell girls game kicks things off at 1 p.m., followed by a pair of UMass Lowell games against New

Haven. The Andover-Lowell boys game wraps up the program at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the event are available at the Andover High athletic office located at the Doherty Middle School complex.

Ice hockey and track will open the regular season in about two weeks while the ski, gym and swim teams begin serious competition after the first of the year.

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

**PROJECT:** Sanitary Sewers for the Cross Street School Interceptor / Forest Hill Drive Areas

**LOCATION:** Various Streets in Andover

**PROPOSER:** Town Of Andover

The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs on or before November 30, 1999.

This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA"), M.G.L.c.30, s.s. 61, 62 (2H). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:

Michael Vissicelli,  
Camp Dresser & McKee Inc.,  
Ten Cambridge Center,  
Cambridge, MA 02142,  
(617)252-8000

Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Andover where they may be reviewed.

The Secretary of Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an Environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

By: Town Of Andover

December 2, 1999

## ACBL season opens

The Andover Church Basketball League launches its 1999-2000 season this Saturday with 24 games in six divisions between noon and 6 p.m. at the Andover High Field House.

This winter the ACBL boasts 51 teams plus a 7th and 8th grade girls travel program coordinated by Dick Muller. Following is the opening day schedule: All games at AHS Field House on Saturday, Dec. 4

**JUNIOR GIRLS**  
St. Robert's vs. St. Augustine B, noon, Court 3

South vs. St. Augustine A, noon, Court 4

**JUNIOR BOYS**  
South Church vs. St. Augustine C, noon, Court 1  
St. Augustine A vs. Temple Emanuel, noon, Court 2  
St. Augustine B vs. St. Robert's, 1 p.m., Court 1

### LEGAL NOTICE

The annual Federal Tax Return (Form 990-PF) of The Andover Home For Aged People for the year ended September 30, 1999 is available for inspection at the address given below. It may be examined during the hours of 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. weekdays by any citizen who so requests within 180 days of December 6, 1999. The principal officer is Thomas J. Urbelis, President.

BY: John R. Petty,  
Treasurer  
10 Talbot Rd.  
Andover, MA. 01810

December 2, 1999

**INTERMEDIATE GIRLS**  
St. Augustine E vs. South Church, 1 p.m., Court 2  
St. Robert's C vs. St. Augustine A, 1 p.m., Court 3  
Christ Church vs. St. Augustine D, 1 p.m., Court 4  
St. Augustine C vs. St. Augustine F, 2 p.m., Court 3

**INTERMEDIATE BOYS**  
Temple Emanuel A vs. South A, 2 p.m., Court 1  
Free Church vs. St. Robert's C, 2 p.m., Court 2  
Temple Emanuel B vs. St. Augustine D, 3 p.m., Court 1  
St. Robert's A vs. St. Augustine E, 3 p.m., Court 2  
St. Augustine A vs. South B, 3 p.m., Court 3  
St. Augustine B vs. St. Robert's B, 4 p.m., Court 1  
St. Augustine C vs. West Parish, 4 p.m., Court 2

**SENIOR GIRLS**  
South Church vs. St. Robert's A, 3 p.m., Court 4  
St. Robert's B vs. St. Augustine B, 4 p.m., Court 3  
St. Robert's C vs. St. Augustine A, 4 p.m., Court 4

**SENIOR BOYS**  
St. Augustine D vs. St. Robert's A, 5 p.m., Court 1  
Faith Lutheran vs. St. Robert's B, 5 p.m., Court 2  
Ballardville United vs. St. Augustine A, 5 p.m., Court 3  
St. Augustine B vs. South Church, 5 p.m., Court 4

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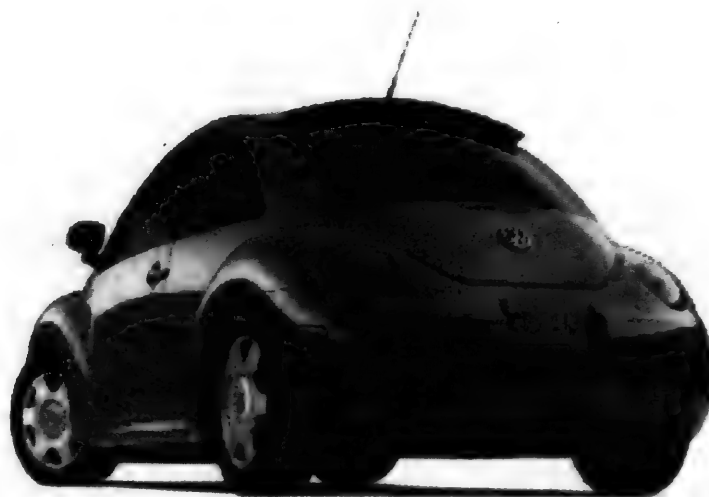


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160 LIAM HURLEY	32:46
165 MARK BARRETT	32:54
170 JOSEPH BENSON	32:57
190 PAUL FARNHAM	33:18
202 JAMES KAPELSON	33:27
213 EVELYN CARON	33:39
227 ALAN CHAMPAGNE	33:50
229 ROBERT WHIRTY	33:50
233 LISA DOUCETT	33:52
236 LILI ANDERSON	33:53
238 JERRY WITT	33:53
239 JERRY BIRD	33:53
247 CHRIS MCKALLGAT	34:00
257 JOSEPH NICOLAISEN	34:06
260 DANIEL MURPHY	34:08
261 JUSTIN ACCOMANDO	34:08
268 TED MASTIN	34:14
269 GREG FOLTZ	34:16
276 CHRIS PATTEN	34:21
287 JONAH DICKSTEIN	34:28
288 BUZZ STAPCZYNSKI	34:30
291 ANDREW CAFFREY	34:34
297 JIM SCHLECKSER	34:43
298 KATHERINE BLAIS	34:43
300 KRISTEN MUNSON	34:44
310 TOM SPANG	34:56
313 MARC KOOLEN	34:58
330 JULIE AHERN	35:12
331 DAVID PUTNAM	35:12
333 JAKE BERMAN	35:13
334 DWIGHT FEENEY	35:13
337 ALAN GINSBERG	35:15
340 ARRON BREZINSKI	35:18
347 MICHELLE PIRRO	35:23
360 WAYNE FILLBACK	35:34
362 STEPHEN CORBETT	35:35
370 BRIAN ELWORTHY	35:42
371 DAVID BERMAN	35:43
374 KEVIN O'MARA	35:47
392 BETH BENSON	36:01
393 ROB MICHAELS	36:03
404 BARRY FINEGOLD	36:12
405 MATTHEW CORBETT	36:12
409 BILL EWING	36:20
410 JAY WAILES	36:21
423 JUSTIN BRUCE	36:27
426 DAVID EIKENBERRY	36:30
435 DEBORAH BATES	36:37
457 JOHN BRODBINE	36:49
458 RICHARD ABELSON	36:49
463 CAROL TAGLIAFERRI	36:51
467 JENNIFER D'AGOSTINO	36:53

OVERALL FINISH + NAME	TIME
472 DONALD PRICE	36:56
488 MARCIA UBERTACCIO	37:07
490 LAURA O'CONNELL	37:07
491 BARBARA LYLE	37:07
493 BILL ALCOTT	37:09
510 KEITH WOLLMAN	37:16
517 KATHERINE MASON	37:19
526 ROBERT RAGONESE	37:23
532 JIM RIGAZIO	37:26
539 BILL BREEN	37:30
541 BRIAN WRIGHT	37:30
549 JACK LONDON	37:35
559 MASON BROWNE	37:39
560 LOU PAGLIARINI	37:39
562 P STEPHAN BEDROSIAN	37:41
564 ROBERT BRAMHALL	37:42
568 JAMES FOLTZ	37:43
569 MICHAEL KELLY	37:43
598 DAVID DELUDE	37:55
608 KAREN GIANGRANDE	37:57
611 JOHN BONESS	37:58
616 SCOTT VALLER	37:59
620 JO ANNE GUILLET	38:00
624 RICHARD HENNESSY	38:04
628 PHILIP G JOHNSON	38:06
640 DANIEL WRIGLEY	38:14
641 DAVID SOUTHWICK	38:14
643 ANDREAS MUELLER	38:16
645 MICHAEL HOGAN	38:16
652 GUY MANCINI	38:21
664 CINDI CAVANAUGH	38:25
668 CHRIS CORBETT	38:27
671 STEVEN LI	38:28
675 FRED RAVENS	38:30
687 PAUL MARAD	38:39
689 MAX DICKSTEIN	38:39
704 STEPHEN NEAL	38:47
720 JAY SAVELY	38:55
722 CHERYL DRISCOLL	38:55
730 GENE BRADY	38:58
737 JEFF BALBUENA	38:59
740 STEPHEN GRUENBERG	39:00
749 Z KATTAR	39:07
753 LEIGH CLARKE	39:08
766 KRISTIN BURNS	39:16
771 CHRISTOPHER BENSLEY	39:18
774 MATT KILEY	39:19
780 STEPHEN BREAU	39:21
791 NORA CONLON	39:29
796 LISA JOEL	39:30
804 JON GOSSE	39:37
807 MARK HIGGINSBOTTOM	39:39
813 TARA BRINK	39:41
815 PAUL DOMIGAN	39:42

OVERALL FINISH + NAME	TIME
820 ROBERT COFFILL	39:45
822 AARON GROVER	39:46
829 BRUCE HOOK	39:50
836 MICHAEL ARTHUR	39:54
844 CHRIS DOHERTY	39:57
850 DONNA M DASILVA	40:00
857 KURT PETERSON	40:02
858 MARTIN MASON	40:02
860 JOSEPH LEAHY	40:07
880 FELICIA PERRY	40:16
882 THOMAS TORRISI	40:18
883 JOHN DESMOND	40:18
889 MICHAEL O'CONNOR	40:20
894 GREG SPURR	40:23
901 MARY MORAN	40:25
908 ROBERT LEBER	40:27
912 KERRY BRADY	40:28
914 GERALD GEHR	40:30
916 LOU SHIPLEY	40:30
919 TODD O'RIEN	40:31
920 DANIEL SULLIVAN	40:32
923 TOM WALSH	40:34
925 GREG SPURR	40:34
926 CHRIS PAQUETTE	40:34
936 RICHARD BROWN	40:38
937 SCOTT MCCOY	40:38
944 ALEX COSTELLO	40:42
959 JEFF SANDMAN	40:48
964 HENRY WRIGLEY	40:49
972 KATE COSENTINO	40:54
988 MICHAEL FURLONG	40:58
998 GUY CHRETIEN	41:01
1000 KATHLEEN MULDOON	41:04
1001 RICHARD DUBE	41:04
1004 CHRISTOPHER GITTINS	41:05
1007 VIOLET FOWLER	41:08
1021 ZACHARY GRAY	41:12
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1040 KRISTINE CUNNINGHAM	41:19
1045 GRETCHEN WILSON	41:20
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1064 JOSEPH GEARY	41:25
1065 ERIN MCANUS	41:25
1066 WAYNE MATTHESON	41:27
1077 ERIC BRAUDE	41:33
1084 ROBERT NELKEN	41:37
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1180 RYAN BUCKLEY	42:18
1191 SUSAN HUCKLEY	42:23
1197 PAUL GERROIR	42:26
1203 CHARLES THOMPSON	42:27
1205 ANDREW GULLY	42:28
1208 PATRICK O'DONNELL	42:28
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1218 SAM MESITI	42:33
1226 CHUCK JACKSON	42:36
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1239 J BARRY MAHONEY	42:42
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1259 BRENDA COX	42:51
1264 CARMELLA BROWN	42:52
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1269 MAURA WITTBOLD	42:54
1282 JOSEPH MAGNER	43:00
1283 PAUL COFFEY	43:00
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1285 REGINA KIECKHAFFER	43:01
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1344 GERRY POULIOT	43:20
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1350 CHRISTINE BENSLEY	43:21
1357 ROLAND RIVAS	43:21
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1484 MIKE CHARLAND	44:23
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1491 BETH PICARDI	44:25
1496 KEVIN PORTER	44:30
1498 HANK ANTHONY	44:31
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1843 JOHN HESS	46:37
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1853 ELIZABETH KYLE	46:40
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1863 MICHAEL OLIVIERI	46:42
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1919 MATT CORSON	47:01
1922 ANN DALY	47:03
1928 SARAH PASKOWSKY	47:06
1931 SANDRA O'SULLIVAN	47:06
1933 MICHELLE FLEMING	47:07
1935 ERIC GIERDE	47:08
1936 DAN KELLEY	47:09
1946 JERRY SABATH	47:19
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2065 JED WARTMAN	48:06
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2106 DEBBY MYERS	48:26
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1996	S420	Smoke Silver/Parchment	Luxury Sedan	46K miles
1996	S320	White/Cream	Luxury Sedan	40K miles
1996	E320	Silver/Charcoal	Sedan	51K miles
1997	E300	Black/Parchment	Diesel Sedan	36K miles
1998	E320	White/Blue	Wagon	19K miles
1998	ML320	Ruby/Grey	SUV	16K miles
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2250 STEVE COLYER	49:38	2570 BETH YACUBIAN	53:01	2861 SHANNON LOTTERER	58:44	3077 MICHAEL FARIS	1:18:20	3116 LYNN LANDRY	1:19:55
2256 MICHAEL COLE	49:40	2571 JANE DUNHAM	53:01	2862 LINN ANDERSON	58:44	3080 DENISE THERRIEN	1:18:27	3117 LORI BECKER	1:19:55
2258 PETER SCHELFHAUDT	49:40	2578 STEPHEN CARTER	53:04	2871 LYNNE CAPOZZI	59:16	3030 TEREI HAYMER	1:14:59	3124 LESLIE FINGER	1:20:27
2274 ISABELLE BURNS	49:53	2588 NATALIA FEDERICO	53:08	2879 CLAUDIA BACH	59:35	3031 PHILLIS ROCK	1:15:07	3126 ROBERT BOILEAU	1:20:33
2284 LOURDES QUANG	49:56	2594 THOMAS MURPHY	53:10	2883 MARLYS EDWARDS	59:52	3042 JOSEPH MORRISSEY	1:16:22	3127 CAROL BOILEAU	1:20:35
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# SPORTS TALK

By Rick Harrison

This column, compiled from information supplied by the colleges or by friends and relatives of the student-athletes, youth standouts and coaches involved, is published periodically in the Townsman. Information may be mailed to 33 Chestnut St., Andover, 01810; or faxed to 470-2819.

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Erik DeMarco of Andover has been named co-captain of the 1999-2000 Boston College men's track and field team.

DeMarco, a senior, is a four year member of the team and has competed in many longer sprints during his collegiate career.

The former standout Andover High trackman has run the 200 meter dash, 400 meters and 4x400 meter relay and the 400 meter intermediate hurdles.

DeMarco has also competed in the long jump for the Eagles.

He ran a personal-best time of 55.41 seconds in the 400 meter hurdles at the 1999 Big East Outdoor Championships, after posting a personal-best 51.66 in the 400 meter run at the Big East Indoor Championships last winter.

During his sophomore year, DeMarco won the 400 meter hurdle race at the Snowflake Classic hosted by Tufts University, topping a field of 16 competitors.

At AHS, the 1996 graduate was the Massachusetts State Class B champ in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles outdoors and won the New England title in the same event as a senior.

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Kristen Foley of Andover is a sophomore forward/center on the 1999-2000 Assumption College women's varsity basketball team.

Foley (6'3"), a member of the Andover High girls hoop team that went to the state Division 1 final against Minnechaug Regional, lettered last year as a freshman.

Foley played in 24 games for the Lady Greyhounds (13-14 record) last year, scoring 68 points and adding 64 rebounds, seven assists, 14 steals and 22 blocked shots.

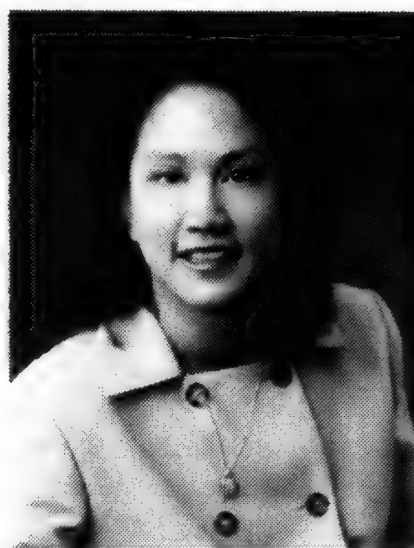
Foley, who had 10 points in the first half of a conference playoff game against St. Anselm last winter, is expected to be one of the more dominant defensive players in the Northeast-10 Conference this season.

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A graduate of Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, Dr. Falconi-Quang served her residency at Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center in Michigan. She enjoys aerobics, playing the piano, baking and dancing. She and her husband, who is also a physician, live in Andover.



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# AHS FOOTBALL

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points on five TD catches, 20 PAT kicks, a conversion rush and a 39 yard field goal.

Brother Pat Murnane had 38 points and QB Rogers 18.

For the season, Rogers was 87-for-196 passing (44 percent) for 13 touchdowns and

1,437 yards (nine interceptions).

Pat Murnane had 33 receptions for 565 yards, Charles Murnane 28 for 480 yards, Mike Giles 13 for 158 yards, and Bruce Brown six for 142 yards.

Giles had 627 yards rushing on 117 carries (5.4 average).

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Central Catholic Capt. Kobelski, a Tewksbury resident, finished the season with 14 touchdowns, 86 total

points and 1,147 yards rushing.

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Central has beaten Andover eight of the last nine years, 11 of the last 13

and since 1980 the Raiders hold a commanding 15-4 series edge.

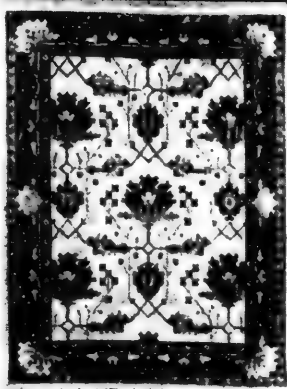
There was no game in 1985 when a major snowstorm hit on Thanksgiving and no makeup was scheduled.



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A certain parcel of real property situated in Andover, Essex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and being Condominium Unit #M-9 in building designated as Manchester House of Washington Park Condominium located on 257-259 North Main Street and 40 Washington Park Drive, said Andover, as established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183-A by a Master Deed dated June 15, 1981 and recorded in the North District Essex County Registry of Deeds at Volume 1512, Page 37 as amended. Said Unit is laid out as shown on the site plan and floor plans filed with Declaration of Condominium and Master Deed and recorded in the aforesaid Registry of Deeds as Plan #8660 and entitled Condominium Site Plan, Washington Park Condominium, Andover, Mass. and Plan #8661 entitled Washington Park Condominium, Andover, Mass. Sheet No. 11, and to which are attached the verified statements of a registered land surveyor as required by Section 9 of the said Chapter 183-A and to which reference may be had for a more particular description. Said Unit is hereby mortgaged together with the .624 percent undivided interest in the common elements and facilities and limited common areas and facilities described in the Master Deed attaching to the aforesaid Condominium Unit and subject to and together with the rights to us (sic. use) the same in common with others entitled thereto; and subject to and together with the rights in easement and encroachments and subject to such by-laws, rules and regulations, and said Chapter 183-A all as from time to time amended, and as set forth in the Unit Deed to the Mortgagors from Paul K. Bready, Jr., dated June 1, 1983 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds herewith, and all of which said interest and rights shall be considered as an integral part of the mortgaged premises. Said unit is to be used for residential purposes and shall not be used for any business purpose except as may be expressly permitted by the Unit Owners Association in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration and By-Laws.

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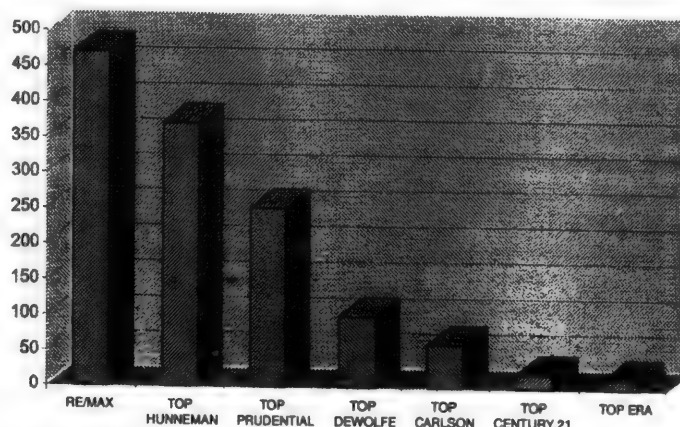
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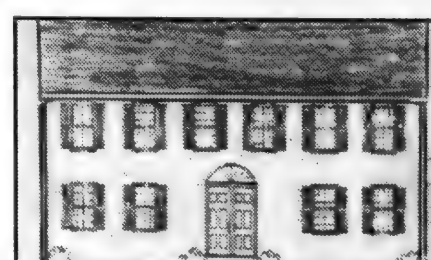


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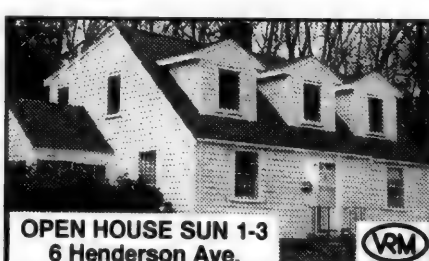
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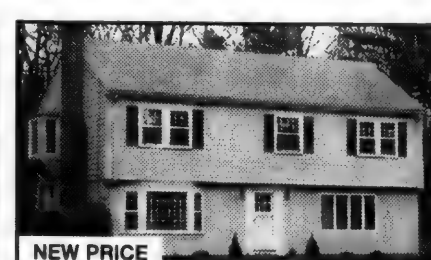
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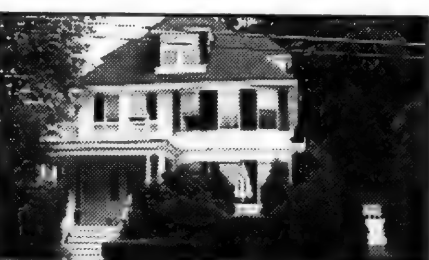


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**ANDOVER - Go hiking and biking from this completely renovated 8 room home on 2 plus acres** which abuts Harold Parker conservation land. Improvements galore, light and bright, 3/4 bedrooms, and 2 full baths. The dining area overlooks private 2+ acres of land. Come see, this home! **\$339,900**



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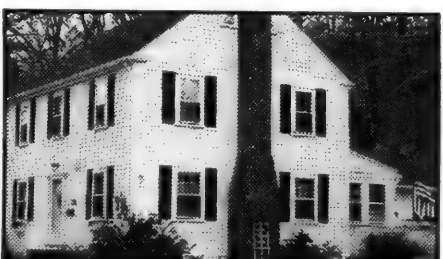


**ANDOVER - In-town location! Circa 1730 Antique Colonial with 1st floor apartment ideal for au pair or in-law.** Main residence features 11 rooms, 6 BR, 3.5 BA, gracious entry foyers and open staircase, a study with rich panel walls & built-ins, crown moldings, 3 fireplaces, hardwood & wide board floors, and a hostess dining room. 3 stall attached garage. **\$679,900**

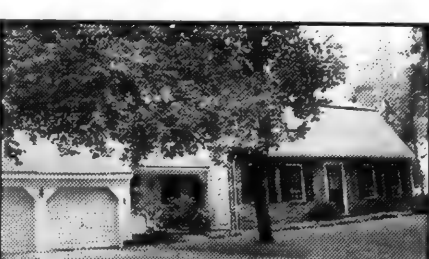


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**ANDOVER - Charming Federal Colonial in Shawsheen Village** just steps away from Boston bus and school! Impeccably maintained, this home offers 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, superb formal rooms, updated kitchen with Jennaire appliances, cozy den, and lovely private yard with brick patio. **\$379,500**



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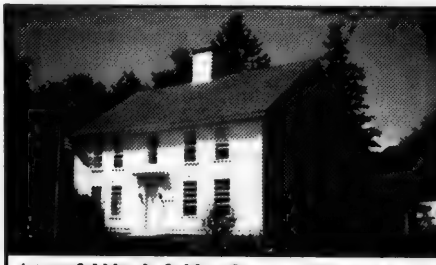
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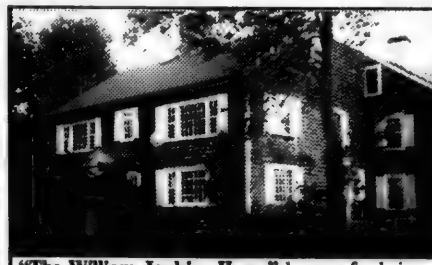
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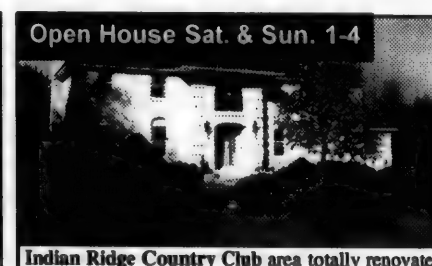
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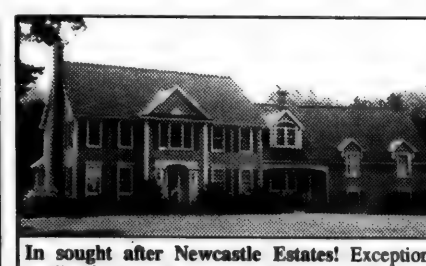
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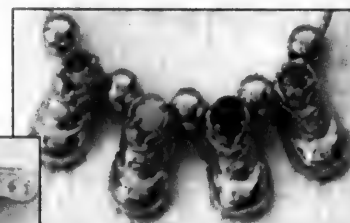
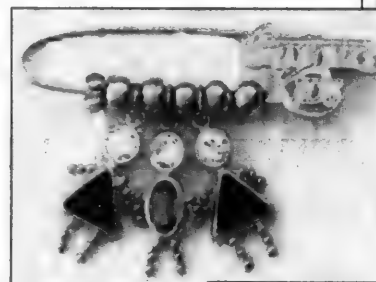
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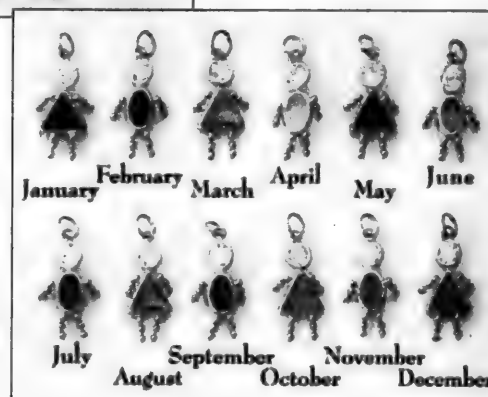
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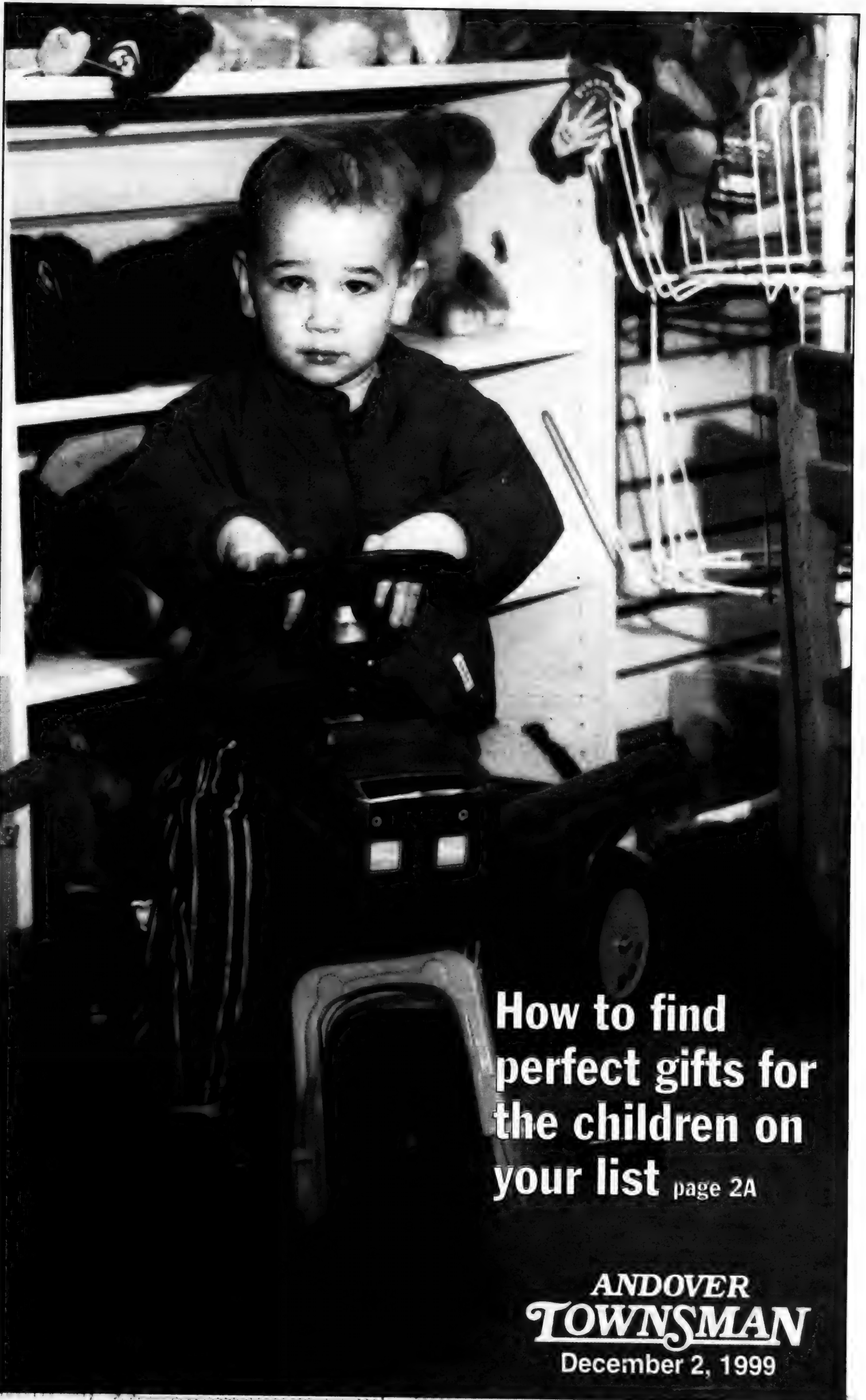
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# Holiday Gift Guide



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# How to find perfect gifts for the children on your list

By Michelle Eld and Jennifer Valeri

Who enjoys Christmas more than a child, right? Of course, children enjoy Christmas. They don't have to shop.

Seriously, if you aren't a parent of small children, selecting a gift for a niece, nephew, grandchild or neighbor can be a daunting task. We asked local merchants for suggestions about what to buy the younger people on your gift list.

There's nothing little girls like to do more than dress up. Chip Will, owner of the Learning Express in Andover, says, "Pretend play is really hot this year." One section of the store caters to these "little adults" who want to get lost in the world of make-believe, with various costumes, boas, and other outfits.

Imitation is the highest form of flattery, right? Young boys can work right alongside their dads on their own work bench, another popular item this year. The bench is a scaled-down version of a real one, featuring a pegboard in the back to hang tools, according to Mr. Will.

In keeping with the theme of make-believe, another creative gift idea making a hit with kids is a cash register by Learning Resources. It's solar-powered and has a working calculator and realistic-looking play



Photo by Patricia Ryan

Toddlers love Blue's Clues doghouse, seen here at Balloonatics.

money. Mr. Will said this item is attracting children of all ages, from three-year-olds to middle schoolers. "That's a huge seller," he said.

For the active child, Mr. Will suggests the California Chariot, a cross between a scooter and a skateboard, only with two platforms on the bottom instead of one, and with a frame

resembling a bicycle.

Popular with boys this year is Lego Star Wars. This particular Star Wars toy seems to have more staying power than other toys featuring the sci-fi trilogy, according to Mr. Will. It's appropriate for ages seven and up.

The older children are drawn to the lava lamps and other 1960's

paraphernalia. Anything to do with hippies and the '60s is popular with the older kids, according to Mr. Will. This aspect of the store keeps them coming back.

For this Andover store, the Christmas rush has begun in earnest. While Pokemon is all the rage among children this season, Beanie Babies are still one of Mr. Will's biggest sellers, although they're not quite as popular as in the past year or two.

Baby's first Christmas, while a monumental occasion for mom and dad, usually means little to an infant. Only a few months old, some infants might not even know the holidays are upon us. If shopping for a small one, Ronnie Prisco of Balloonatics in Andover suggests simple, soft toys.

"We have soft shaped books, that squish like sponges, and puzzles that are also like sponges and kids can take them in the tub," said Ms. Prisco. "And for a little bit older children, there's magnetic alphabet letters that stick to the refrigerator."

As for toddlers, Blue's Clues, a bright blue dog who leaves her paw prints as clues to a puzzle is always popular, but this year, Blue's House is dominating Balloonatics. "It is a corrugated cardboard house," said Ms. Prisco, "that kids can play inside, but

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On the cover: Cameron Leman checks out the tractor selection at Learning Express in Andover. Photo by Patricia Ryan. Section layout by Jessica Price.



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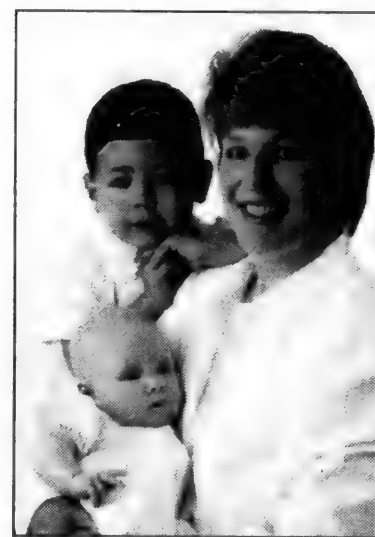
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By The Associated Press

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- Holiday cards from UNICEF, benefiting projects for children around the world, are by now an old tradition. But also check out some of its other catalog offerings, including a handsome line of desk and stationery items with Asian-inspired motifs (a stationery portfolio is \$16). Call 1 (800) FOR-KIDS; Web site is [unicefusa.org](http://unicefusa.org).

- Two angel bears, floating among clouds, is the Holly Adler design for this year's Starcatcher ornament (\$23) from Kurt S. Adler, benefiting the Starlight Children's Foundation. Proceeds are used to grant wishes and provide entertainment for seriously ill children. Call 1 (800) 243-9627.

- An angel of china and gold is the new ornament (\$30) designed by Kathie Lee Gifford in collaboration with Lenox, to benefit Cassidy's Place, which helps children with special needs and their families. In stores.

- An pewter ornament depicting a wishing well (\$12.99) at the Things Remembered gift store chain benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The foundation fulfills wishes of children with life-threatening health conditions. Call 1 (800) 274-7367.

## Grief and holidays: Advice from Hospice Foundation of America

WASHINGTON - PRNewswire - A question commonly asked by bereaved people at this time of year is, "How can I get through the holidays?" There is no single answer. One important guiding principle is: do what is comfortable. This advice comes from Hospice Foundation of America, a non-profit organization educating the public about loss and end-of-life care.

Kenneth Doka, PhD, HFA Senior Consultant, recounts a session with a group of widows. "One woman whose husband recently died asked, 'Who should sit at the head of the table?', taking her husband's place. I asked the group how they had handled it. One woman placed her youngest grandchild there to remind the family of its continuity. Another said her eldest son sat there. Another woman said that she sat there since she was now the family leader."

Which response was right? "They all were. Each response met the needs of the person, and each was a comfortable choice," explained Doka. This is the key to coping with the holidays: find the

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- Maybe you can't spare \$500 for a whole heifer to help provide milk and income for a family somewhere in the world, but you can contribute a share for a mere \$50, via Heifer Project International. Same goes for a lot of other animals, like water buffalos, sheep, llamas, goats, pigs, rabbits, chicks, ducks, geese, and honeybees. Call 1 (800) 696-1918; Web site is [heifer.org](http://heifer.org).

- A "Dare to Care" line of hair and skin care items (\$13-\$25) is being offered by beauty products manufacturer Sebastian International to benefit three charities: Rainforest Foundation, the U.S. Committee for UNICEF and the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund. Call 1 (800) 829-7322; Web site is [sebastian-intl.com](http://sebastian-intl.com).

- Have the urge to craft a gift? The Home Sewing Association, an industry group, sponsors Sew for the Cure, with a Pillow Kit that has materials and instructions to sew a 9-inch ruffled heart-shaped pillow (\$9.95 plus shipping and handling) to benefit the American Cancer Society, the National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations, and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Call 1 (877) SEW-CURE; Web site is [sewforthecure.org](http://sewforthecure.org).

way that is right for you. "When we are already experiencing the great stress of bereavement, the additional strains of the holidays can create unbearable pressure," commented Jack Gordon, HFA President.

Some people find it helpful to be with family and friends, emphasizing the familiar. Others may wish to avoid old sights and sounds, perhaps even taking a trip. Others will find new ways to acknowledge the season. Whatever your response, remember these points:

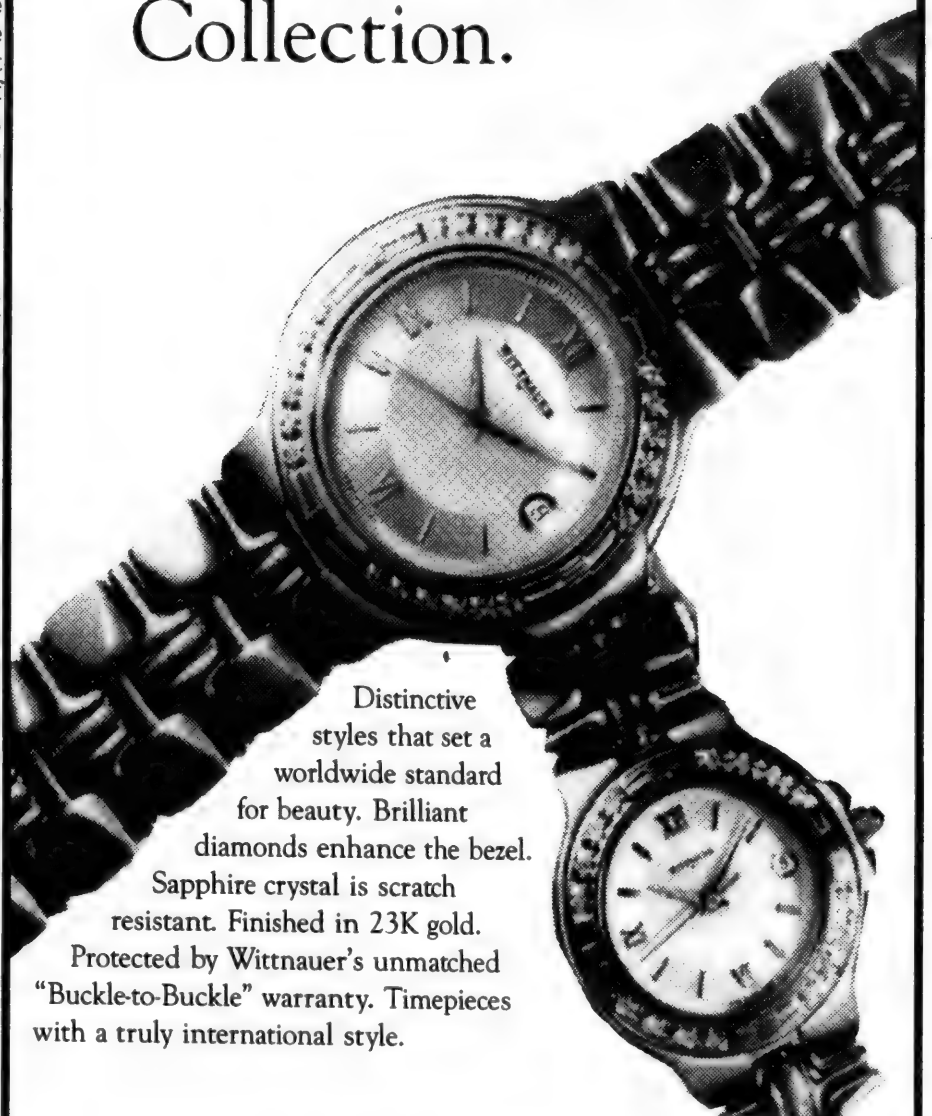
- Plan for the approaching holidays. Be aware that this might be a difficult time for you. It's not uncommon to feel out of sorts with the celebratory tone of the season. The additional stress may affect you emotionally, cognitively, and physically; this is a normal reaction. It is important to be prepared for these feelings.

- Recognize that holidays won't be the same. If you try to keep everything as it was, you'll be disappointed. Doing things a bit differently can acknowledge the change while preserving continuity

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# How to find perfect gifts for the children on your list

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they also can color the entire outside. We've had one up in our store for about four months, and every single time a child walks into the store, they go directly into the house. I have not seen a child that didn't absolutely fall in love with it."

Parents should take comfort that Ms. Prisco is seeing a large interest in classic children's books. The books are sold in sets, along with either a matching stuffed animal or doll. Books such as "Where the Wild Things Are", and "Mazie" are on many children's wish lists, as is the little girls' favorite - "Hello Kitty".

For older girls, desktop sets from "Two Girls" are recommended. The sets offer mouse pads for the computer savvy, locker mirrors, blotter sets, journals and other sets, all designed in colors and patterns appealing to a pre-teen or teen.

Crafts and kits are suggested for children of the adolescent or preadolescent age, and there's a kit for everything. Children can make friendship bracelets, their own jewelry, paint their nails and even make bubble gum, according to Ms. Prisco. Other kits include a volcano set, magic tricks and practical joke gear.

And the traditional favorites will always be on a child's wish list. Trucks, in all shapes, sizes and colors, are one of Balloonatics' biggest sellers.

But what about the Beanies? Beanie Babies have re-gained some popularity this season, said Ms. Prisco, following the news this could be the last year of production. However, Ms. Prisco said she thinks the small, stuffed animals will be around for quite a while.

Kids' Curiosity Shop in Lawrence has also started witnessing the Christmas rush. Owner Sandy Charland said she thought shoppers would have held off because of the unseasonably warm weather, but not so.

Children, especially toddlers, love toys that move and make sounds. Miniature railroads are a perennial favorite among the younger set. According to Ms. Charland, one popular toy is the Thomas the Tank Railway System, attracting children from one-and-a-half years old all the way up to 10 years old. Modeled after the Thomas the Tank Engine cartoon series, the railway system is great for problem-solving and imaginative play, according to Ms. Charland.

What little girl doesn't like dolls? Not only are there countless ones to choose from, there's also the doll houses, furniture and clothing. Ms. Charland said the Madeline doll and accessories are a real hit this season. She wonders why the sudden rush this year, as the Madeline movie came out last year. "This year, it's just taken off," she said. One customer of hers

attributed Madeline's popularity to the fact that she's polite and a good role model for young girls.

A large part of any toy business is geared towards education. At Kids Curiosity, a big seller this year is Twist and Shout, an addition and multiplication tool that combines learning with fun. According to Ms. Charland, the

machine quizzes youngsters on their equations, giving feedback and encouragement via an electronic voice. It's perfect for third graders learning multiplication skills or first and second graders learning addition.

It's a more interesting and interactive alternative to the traditional flash card method, she said.

Another educational toy drawing attention is the Fun and Learn Phonics Bus geared towards three and four year-olds. This interactive toy teaches



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letters and sounds, but the real attraction for children is the flashing lights and beeping horn of the bus.

An unexpected item is going like hot cakes this season - gel roller pens. You might have seen buckets of these brightly colored pens while browsing through stores. They come in a variety of neon colors and, because of the gel component, glide swiftly onto the page. While they're popular with all children, girls in particular are

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# Gifts for children ...

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grabbing them up, along with journals and notepads, according to Ms. Charland. They make great stocking stuffers, she said.

On the traditional front, some board games just never go out of style - they just get make-overs once in awhile. "Those are great family games," said Ms. Charland. Take Monopoly, for instance. Kids Curiosity sells variations of the original Monopoly game, each with a different theme, such as national parks, outer space and historic Boston.

Let's not forget the babies. Lamaze Company makes soft cloth toys for infants, making them a hot commodity among parents looking for safe toys for their young ones. One item is a soft carry-along house that can be opened and fastened with Velcro, according to Ms. Charland.

## Age-appropriate gifts

Whether you're a parent, aunt, uncle, or friend, buying gifts for small children can be a difficult task. Certainly, whatever toy you choose should be safe, usable, and durable. But you should always check the age specifications on a product before purchasing it. Also, consider what type of personality the child has. Is he or she apt to tear the toy apart within an hour of receiving it, or is he or she a gentle person who will handle it with care?

Safety is a big factor, especially when you're dealing with babies and toddlers.

In 1995, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) received reports of 21 toy-related deaths and more than 150,000 children who were treated in hospital emergency rooms for toy-related injuries. The bottom line is these tragedies could have been prevented. The CPSC advises reading carefully age-appropriate labels when choosing toys.

It's important to contemplate both the product and the child while standing in the store aisle scanning the hundreds of toys stacked on the shelves. But there's help. About.com offers some pointers on choosing children's toys, according to what age level they're at.

## Select toys carefully

By using common sense and the following safety suggestions, holiday shoppers can make informed decisions when it comes to gift buying for children. Here are some guidelines from the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

- Select toys to suit the age, abilities, skill and interest level of the intended child. Toys too advanced might pose hazards to younger children.
- For infants, toddlers and all children who mouth objects, avoid toys with small parts that could pose a fatal choking hazard.
- For children under age eight, avoid toys that have sharp edges and points. Do not purchase electric toys with heating elements.
- Look for labels that give age recommendations and use that information as a guide.
- Look for sturdy construction, such as tightly secured eyes, noses and other small parts.

## Babies - Birth to age one

At this delicate age, babies learn about their environment by using all five senses (sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell). They also learn the concept of cause and effect through repetition.

Since babies respond to all five senses, properly selected toys allow them to learn about size, shape, sound, texture and how things work. Be sure to choose toys that aren't too small to swallow, are lightweight for handling, have dull edges, are brightly colored and are non-toxic.

Rattles, squeaky toys and crib gyms are great gifts for this age, as are soft dolls and stuffed animals. But make sure seams cannot be torn easily and eyes and noses are securely fastened. Teddy bears are wonderful for cuddling but are certainly not made for sucking or chewing.

## Toddlers - ages 1 to 3

Anyone with toddlers knows they love to walk, climb, push and ride. This

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- Wrap a package in a solid-colored paper. Use a special paper punch such as a star-shaped or square-shaped punch to make shapes from a contrasting colored paper. Glue the shapes onto the paper and make a matching gift tag. Or, try rubber stamping fun holiday prints. These gifts will be personalized with your own creativity.

- For a rustic look, wrap a package in brown craft paper or a solid brown paper bag. Use binder twine as a ribbon. Tuck a few pine, spruce or holly sprigs on the ribbon. This package will smell as pretty as it looks.

- Wrap a rectangular package in plain white paper and address it as if it were a letter. Don't forget the return address and a creative home made postage stamp. For a cute touch, write "Don't open 'till..." in red.

- Hard to wrap gifts can be wrapped in a blanket or throw with a holiday print. Wrap the blanket or throw around the gift and tie a ribbon

around the gathered material on top. The wrap becomes an additional gift.

- Add charm to plain wrapped gifts by sprucing up their bows. Tuck candy canes or other special treats into an already tied bow. Tie crayons, ornaments or other knick-knacks to ribbon tails to add an extra little gift that will become a holiday keepsake.

- If your package already comes in a festive box, simply gather a piece of nylon tulle or net around the box and secure it with a bright ribbon. The nylon tulle adds a unique creative touch.

- To make your foil-wrapped package extra special, use wire edged organza ribbon to create beautiful bows. Tuck floral stems and berry sprigs under the bow. The added touches are sure to be noticed. (NAPS)



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is the age level at which imaginative play comes into the picture, as does problem-solving with objects.

Great gift ideas include things to ride or climb on, such as a low tricycle or wagon. Outdoor toys such as large balls, inflatable toys, a wading pool and a sandbox with digging tools are other good choices.

Just before they turn two years old, toddlers start to enjoy make-believe play. They love to imitate the adult world, using play food, appliances and utensils, play furniture and simple dress-up clothes and dolls. They also like to sort and fit toys, play with blocks and solve simple puzzles.

Musical instruments, such as tambourines, toy pianos, horns and drums, are all great gifts.

**Preschoolers - ages 3 to 5**

"Make-believe" is a preschooler's favorite thing to do, acting out grown-up roles and creating imaginary situations. Appropriate toy selections include costumes, pretend money, play food, toy cash register or telephone, make-believe village, fort, gas station or restaurant, puppet

theatres, dolls and doll furniture.

Dolls and teddy bears are important to children of this age, as they act as companions and protectors to them in times of stress or loneliness.

Modes of transportation, such as trucks, cars, planes and boats, all keep the attention of toddlers. In addition, large outdoor toys, including gym equipment, wheeled vehicles and a small bike with training wheels, are age-appropriate. You can help sharpen a toddler's visualization and memory skills with board games, electronic toys and word games geared to this age group. Other suggestions include bead threading and lacing sets, art supplies and tape players/tape storybooks.



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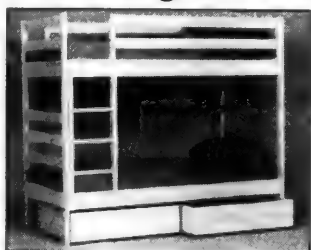
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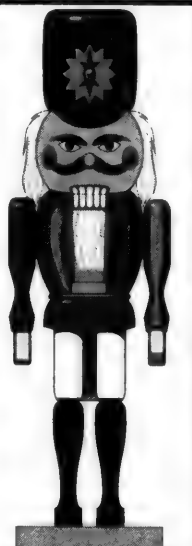
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• You won't find any pretty postcard photos of Europe and Great Britain in "Brandt: The Photography of Bill Brandt" (Abrams, \$75 hardcover), by Bill Jay and Nigel Warburton. Brandt's black-and-white pictures make a grittier, less opulent, but still robust portrait of the Europeans and especially the British. The pictures capture the contrasts of rich and poor and peace and war through the 1930s and 1940s.

• Houses where the noted or notorious once lived are fascinating because what they reveal about their former inhabitants. "If This House Could Talk..." (Simon & Schuster, \$35 hardcover), by Elizabeth Smith Brownstein, is a tour in print of such places as a Lower East Side tenement in New York City; Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill Cottage in Hyde Park, N.Y.; William Randolph Hearst's fabulous estate at San Simeon, Calif.; and Abraham

Lincoln's house in Springfield, Ill., among others.

• Photographer Fred Maroon had no inkling of its dramatic end when he began a project to photograph the Nixon presidency. "The Nixon Years: 1969-1974" (Abbeville Press, \$29.95 hardcover) portrays the period, from Richard M. Nixon's election to the end of his presidency with the Watergate scandal, with many photographs that have not been previously published. Text is by former New York Times columnist Tom Wicker.

• Norman Rockwell used to be dismissed by critics as a mere illustrator. Nobody liked him except, it seems, the millions of readers who enjoyed his Saturday Evening Post covers. In "Norman Rockwell: Pictures for the American People" (Abrams, \$35 hardcover), curators Maureen Hart Hennessey and Anne Knutson compile new critical acclaim from modern critics, who appreciate Rockwell's contribution to American 20th century culture. Aerial photography reveals the earth in fascinating

patterns and perspectives. "Earth from Above" (Abrams, \$65 hardcover), by Yann Arthus-Bertrand, distills his five years of airborne photography across five continents and 60 countries.

• "Chronicle of the Old Testament Kings" (Thames & Hudson, \$34.95 hardcover), by John Rogerson, covers 1,500 years of history of the leaders of Israel, from the Ancestors through the united monarchy under David and Solomon, the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, the rule of Persia and Greece, and ultimately, Roman domination.

• "I'll Be Home for Christmas" was title of a favorite sentimental tune of the World War II years and also is title of a new book (Delacorte Press, \$24 hardcover) showcasing pictures of the era, from the archives of the Library of Congress. They show not only American soldiers celebrating the holiday while serving abroad but people on the homefront, including Japanese-Americans who were interned during the war.

• "A Treasury of African-American Christmas Stories, Volume II" (Henry Holt, \$20 hardcover), collected by Bettye Collier-Thomas, continues the re-discovery of long-forgotten stories and poems once published in black newspapers and journals.

## For the young in age and outlook

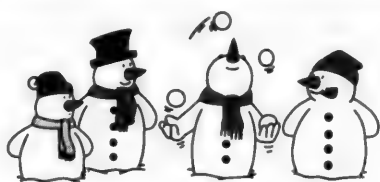
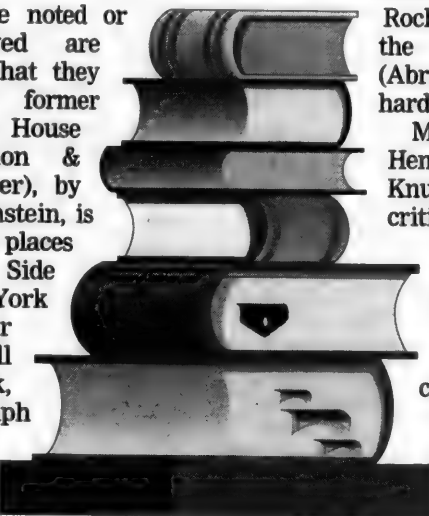
• "Stormy Night" (Kids Can Press, \$18.95 hardcover), by Michele Lemieux,

is a serious, philosophical book for children, approaching their fears and questions about God, life, death, abandonment, chance, happiness, sadness, and what-happens-if. Lemieux, with simple text and drawings, enables youngsters to grasp these abstracts. The book, first published in Germany and subsequently translated into nine languages, is winner of the Ragazzi Prize awarded at the Bologna Book Fair.

• It's "The Ultimate LEGO Book" (DK Publishing, \$19.95 hardcover), tells how these addictive plastic bricks have fascinated children and adults alike. The book shows how these simple toys have been made into fabulous sculptures and constructions and gives you ideas for creating your own.

• The youngest opera fans will appreciate performances more with "The Barefoot Book of Stories from the Opera" (Barefoot Books, \$19.95 hardcover). Seven operas, including Benjamin Britten's "The Little Sweep," Richard Wagner's "The Flying Dutchman" and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "The Magic Flute" are retold by Shahrugh Husain, with illustrations by James Mayhew.

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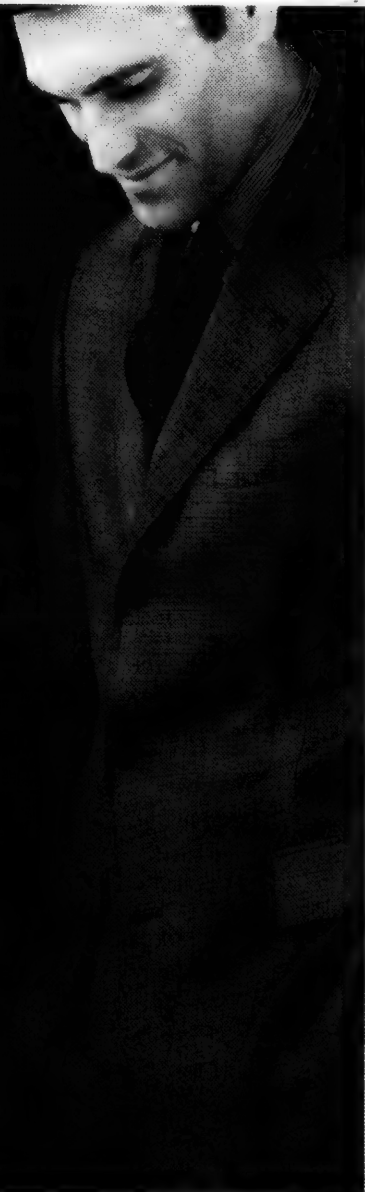
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# Celebrate the holidays safely with your pet

DAYTON, Ohio - PRNewswire - Stockings hanging on the fireplace mantel. Christmas pageants. Holiday parties. This festive season is family time, but in all the hustle and bustle it's often too easy to forget one important member of your family - your pet. Dr. Dan Carey, a veterinarian and director of technical communications at The Iams Company, suggests the following tips for creating healthy, safe and happy holidays for Fluffy and Fido.

- Decorations: beautiful or delicious? - Tinsel, strings of popcorn, lights and candles may look beautiful to you, but to your pet they look yummy and fun to play with! Make sure to place decorations out of reach, or your curious pet may claim them.

- Be wary of water - It may help your

tree last through Valentine's Day, but don't put chemicals in tree water. If your pet laps up chemically treated water, call your veterinarian immediately.

- Deck the halls with boughs of holly - Don't let your nosy pet get their paws on holiday plants, like holly, amaryllis and mistletoe. If eaten, these plants can cause vomiting, diarrhea or other health problems.

- Putting on the pounds - Just because our eating habits change over the holidays, it doesn't mean our pets' should too. Don't slip "people food" under the table. It can upset your pet's digestion by altering the balance of her diet, and help create bad "begging" habits. And never give your pet chocolate. It contains theobromine, a

toxic substance that can cause seizures and even death in cats and dogs.

- Grab the leash! - Remember to keep exercising your dog over the holidays. Even short walks, three or four times a week, will help pets maintain muscle tone. (And it won't hurt you to walk off some of Grandma's sugar cookies either!)

- Sweaters are "in" - Your pet's NOT a sissy if he wears a sweater outside. Shorthaired pets, especially, need extra protection from the cold.

- I double-dog dare ya! - Have you ever been dared to lick a flagpole on a cold winter day? That's what it's like for pets when they are fed outside with metal dishes. Switch to plastic food and water dishes when the temperature's low, or your pet's tongue may stick and

freeze to the dish.

Also, avoid dehydration by providing indoor and outdoor pets with extra water during the dry winter months. Check the water for outdoor pets often - don't let it freeze!

- Santa Claus is coming to town - If you want to include your pet in your holiday gift giving, put a tasty, nutritional treat. He'll appreciate it much more than a candy cane-shaped squeaky toy.



## Grief and holidays

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with the past. Different menus, changing decorations, attending a different service, or even celebrating in a different location may provide that slight but significant shift. However, be aware that your feelings will still be there. If you decide on a change, be careful not to isolate yourself.

- The holidays may affect other family members. Talk over your plans. Respect their choices and needs, and compromise if necessary. Everyone (including yourself) should participate

in ways that are comfortable.

- Avoid additional stress. Decide what you really want to do, and what can be avoided. Perhaps cards don't need to be sent, or shopping can be done by phone or catalog.

Tips From HFA:

- Plan for the holidays
- Recognize holidays will be different
- Communicate with family members
- Do what's right for you!

For a complimentary copy of HFA's bereavement newsletter, "Journeys," call 800-854-3402.

## Ever wonder why ...

Ever wonder why holiday traditions are what they are? "How Stuff Works" is a website dedicated to just that - explaining how things work. And Christmas is one of those things. The following is a list of how some of the holiday traditions we take for granted came to be.

- If you had to guess, how far back would you say the "commercialization" of the holiday dates? Did we become compulsive shoppers in 1940s? Maybe as far back as the roaring 20s? Try 1867. That was the first year Macy's department store remained open until midnight on Christmas Eve. In 1874,

the store began its now-famous extraordinary Christmas window displays.

- The best-selling Christmas carol of all-time: Bing Crosby's "White Christmas." The runner-up is "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer."

- Rudolph's red-nosed story began as an advertising campaign via Montgomery Ward. In 1939, the store gave out 2.4 million copies of a booklet titled, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," written by a member of the advertising staff Robert May. Ten years later, Gene Autry recorded a song with the same title. The reindeer was originally to be named Rollo or Reginald. Mr. May's daughter chose

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# Maple-glazed apples make delectable Hanukkah dessert

By The Associated Press

Cinnamon-Nut Baked Apples With Maple Glaze are a nice choice to round out a Hanukkah meal.

The ingredients work beautifully

together to complement the flavor of the fruit, without cloying richness. The dessert could be part of a balanced menu that will help you avoid holiday weight gain.

## Cinnamon-nut Baked Apples With Maple Glaze

- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon chopped walnuts
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 4 large baking apples (Rome apples work well)
- 1 tablespoon reduced-calorie margarine (pareve)
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- Cinnamon sticks, to garnish

Preheat the oven to 375 F; place 1/2 cup water in an 8-inch-square baking dish.

In a small bowl, mix the brown sugar, walnuts and cinnamon. With a small knife, core the apples, but do not cut all the way through the bottoms; peel about 1/2-inch of skin from the tops of the apples. Place the apples in the baking dish. Fill each apple with the brown-sugar mixture; dot with the margarine, then drizzle with the maple syrup. Bake, basting the apples occasionally with the pan juices, until just tender, about 40 minutes.

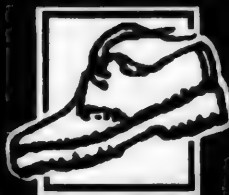
With a slotted spoon, transfer the apples to dessert plates. Pour the pan juices over the apples. If you like, garnish each apple with a cinnamon stick.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: @ 223 cal., 3 g total fat (0 g saturated fat), 0 mg chol., 39 mg sodium, 52 carbo., 6 g fiber, 1 g pro.

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# Van Cleef & Arpels to come to Andover

On Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Van Cleef & Arpels will debut a special collection of fine jewelry and watches at Royal Jewelers in Andover. This traveling collection is a compliment to the existing Van Cleef & Arpels jewelry already on display at Royal Jewelers.

"Van Cleef & Arpels has always been known as a jewelry design leader and trendsetter. That is certainly true today as the company has built a world brand name based on its stellar reputation in jewelry design," says Kristine Houghton of Van Cleef. "We have found Royal Jewelers to express the same attitude and creativity toward jewelry design. We are excited about launching a Van Cleef & Arpels boutique inside Royal Jewelers."

For the first time in its 92-year history, Van Cleef & Arpels will make a select collection of jewelry available in only 31 retail stores throughout the United States, including Royal Jewelers in Andover. "We are being extremely selective about who

will carry our jewelry," says Henri Barguirdjian, president of U.S. operations.

Just in time for the holidays is Van Cleef's updated version of the Rose Etoile collection, inspired from a 1925 prize-winning design. These spirals of gold whirled into the form of a rose are available as bracelets, earrings, brooches, with a history as romantic as their designs.

The "Fantasy" watch collection features an interchangeable bracelet with interchangeable straps in the prettiest shades of rose, lime, turquoise and lavender. Fun for every day or an elegant evening.

The new Roma sport collection will also be on display. This collection of unisex watches can be seen on the wrists of Matt Damon, supermodels Christy Turlington and Veronica Webb, designers Nicole Miller, Evelyn Lauder and Carolina Herrera and Inside Edition's Deborah Norville. This collection starts at only \$1,400.

Royal Jewelers was amongst the first jewelers in the country to pioneer the jewelry boutique/salon concept. Royal

features the largest David Yurman boutique in the U.S. Other featured designers include Chopard, Seiden-Gang, Charles Krypell, La Nouvelle Bague, Faberge, and many more. The boutique/salon concept has been very successful at Royal Jewelers.

"We are able to select the prettiest jewelry in the world and feature the designs in their own special place. People become fond of a style like Penny Preville or David Yurman and can go directly to that boutique within the store to shop," said Steven Leed, co-owner of Royal Jewelers.

"We offer more jewelry designers and fine Swiss watches than any other jeweler in New England. And you can be sure we will be adding more in the year 2000," adds Paula Leed.

Be sure to visit Royal Jewelers this Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to see or purchase from the traveling Van Cleef & Arpels collection. The Van Cleef & Arpels boutique at Royal Jewelers will be a permanent display.



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Paula Leed of Royal Jewelers displays variety of Van Cleef & Arpels jewelry.

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## Rosemary: Fragrant and festive

**D**ecorating your home with the herb rosemary - long a symbol of fidelity and remembrance - can be a fragrantly festive way to celebrate the holiday season.

Here are a few ways to use rosemary to make the holidays even merrier:

- When suffering from seasonal stress, dab a drop of rosemary oil on each temple to erase stress headaches and calm frazzled nerves.

"Rosemary has been called a stimulating herb," said Malinda Romine, a floral design specialist. "Its aromatic oils are said to stimulate blood flow to the brain."

- Herb bouquets are a great gift for anyone who may enjoy a fragrant pick-me-up.

Using any type of ribbon, tie together sprigs of fresh herbs including lavender, to calm; rosemary, a light astringent to stimulate and rejuvenate; thyme, to warm and rejuvenate the nerves; and sage to enhance memory and clarity.

Tie herbs onto the tub faucet and let water pour over them as it splashes into the tub. Add a few drops of cider vinegar to neutralize the minerals found in hard water. Soak in the tub for at least 20 minutes for skin to hydrate and absorb the herbs.

- Rosemary Tonic can be made by steeping two handfuls of fresh rosemary sprigs in a bottle of white wine for four days. Serve as a cordial. For a quick version: Float 1 or 2 sprigs in a glassful of white wine for one hour.

- A Rosemary Christmas Tree decorated with red roses can be a sensational and scented holiday centerpiece or make a much-appreciated gift.

- To make your home smell delicious when company is coming. Brew a few sprigs of rosemary in water.

Rosemary is also a wonderful way to liven up holiday menus. Here's a



**A Rosemary Christmas Tree with red roses can make a sensational holiday centerpiece.**

recipe for Garlic Bread with Romano and Fresh Rosemary that's suitable for seasonal entertaining and snacking:

### Garlic Bread with Romano and Fresh Rosemary

Prep Time: 10 mins.  
Ready in: 20 mins.  
Skill: No experience required  
Serves: 12

#### Ingredients

½ cup (2 oz.) shredded Romano cheese  
½ cup butter or margarine, softened  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1 tsp. chopped fresh rosemary  
1 loaf French or Italian bread, cut in half lengthwise

#### Preparation

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Spread on cut surfaces of bread.  
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## Top 10 accessories for the season

What makes the gift-giving season sparkle? Accessories glitter with possibilities.

According to Richard Sinott, Harper's Bazaar accessories editor and the Accessories Council, here are the season's top ten holiday picks:

- **Watches** Look for watches encrusted with jewels and stones, also sleek silver bangle styles.

- **Rings** The larger the stone the better. Think cocktail rings to adorn your evening look.

- **Scarves** Wrap yourself in fabulous embroidered and colorful cashmere or a casual chunky knit.

- **Gloves** For real glamour, a full length glove to be worn with your favorite ball gown is the pick of the season.

- **Handbags** Bag it with an envelope shaped clutch. For a festive holiday accent, look for beads, sequins and embroidery.

- **Belts** Enhance a classic look or add a little something extra for dressy occasions. Jeweled or with elegant buckle closures, the right belt can take the most simple outfit to a whole new extreme.

- **Hats** You can hold your head high and add your own signature style with the compliment of a great hat, whether it's crocheted for day or feathered drama for night.

- **Hosiery** The stockings are hung with frivolous care. Look for patterned, wooly and fishnet. Fishnet over color takes you into the millennium in style.

**You can hold your head high and add your own signature style with the compliment of a great hat, whether it's crocheted for day or feathered drama for night.**

- **Bracelets** Stack them up! Layer them on! One arm or both. Encrusted with crystals, semi-precious stones or simple in gold or silver. The more the merrier.

- **Stocking Stuffers** Sunglasses, hair accessories and small leather goods help spread holiday cheer.

The Accessories Council recently voted ten renowned people with outstanding accessories style as being worthy of the Best Accessorized List.

The 1999 winners are Cher, Katie Couric, Cameron Diaz, Lauryn Hill, Nicole Kidman, Gwyneth Paltrow, Julia Roberts, Sharon Stone, Blaine Trump and Barbara Walters.

According to Sheila Block, executive director of the Accessories Council, these celebrities understand the value of accessories and promote them in both their personal and professional lives.

"Accessories help us define our own sense of personal style. Whether you are wearing fashion jewelry or a simple wrap, you are making a statement about who you are and how accessories add to your life," said Block.

## Millennium, Shillennium: Seventy-two percent of Americans are apathetic about the turn of the century

ST. LOUIS - PRNewswire - Contrary to popular belief, this New Year's Eve is not going to be the global bash we all expect it to be, according to a recent Maritz Poll conducted by Maritz Marketing Research, one of the world's largest marketing research firms.

Whether it's fear of Y2K issues or nonchalance toward the holiday, only 28 percent of those polled have special plans for the eve of the new century.

Not surprising, the highest percentage of revelers are in the 18-24 age bracket (51 percent) and the lowest are those 65 and older (13 percent). Half of Americans planning a grand affair earn more than \$45,000 a year.

Eighty-three percent said they don't usually spend New Year's Eve away from home. However, this year 19 percent of respondents plan to celebrate this New Year's Eve away from their hometown. Younger people are also more likely to take their festivities on the road, with 37 percent of 18-24-year-olds and 25 percent of 25-34-year-olds planning to travel.

One problem may be the discrepancy about which New Year's Eve is really that of the new millennium. Most respondents (69

percent) will celebrate it on New Year's Eve 1999, while the rest will celebrate it next year.

### Decisions, Decisions...

Resolutions are always part of the holiday, and 30 percent are planning to make them. The most popular New Year's resolution topics include:

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## Delicious holiday goodies make great gifts

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These recipes offer delicious ways to say Happy Holidays year after year.

### Magic Cookie Bars

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Makes 24-36 bars

½ cup (1 stick) butter or margarine  
1½ cups graham cracker crumbs  
1 can (14 oz.) Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)  
2 cups (12 oz.) Hershey's Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips  
1½ cups Mounds Sweetened Coconut Flakes  
1 cup chopped nuts

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. In 13x9x2-inch baking pan, melt butter in oven.

2. Sprinkle crumbs over butter; pour weetened condensed milk evenly over crumbs. Top with remaining ingredients; press down firmly with fork.

3. Bake 25 minutes or until lightly rowned. Cool. Chill, if desired. Cut into bars. Store loosely covered at room temperature.

### Seven Layer Magic Cookie Bars

Add 1 cup Hershey's Butterscotch Chips after chocolate chips.

### Holiday Treasure Cookies

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Makes about 4-1/2 dozen cookies

1½ cups graham cracker crumbs  
½ cup all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 can (14 oz.) Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)  
½ cup (1 stick) butter, softened  
1½ cups Mounds Sweetened Coconut Flakes  
1½ cups (10-oz. pkg.) Hershey's Mini Kisses Milk Chocolate or Semi-Sweet Chocolate Baking Pieces  
1 cup Hershey's Holiday Bits

1. Heat oven to 375°F. Stir together graham cracker crumbs, flour and baking powder in small bowl; set aside.

2. Beat sweetened condensed milk and butter until smooth; add reserved crumb mixture, mixing well. Stir in coconut, chocolate pieces and holiday bits. Drop by rounded teaspoons onto ungreased cookie sheet.

3. Bake 7 to 9 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool 1 minute; remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Cool completely. Store covered at room temperature.

### Festive Peanut Butter Chocolate Fudge

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Makes about 2-¾ pounds

3 cups (1½ pkgs., 12 oz. each) Hershey's Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips  
1 can (14 oz.) Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)  
Dash salt  
½ to 1 cup chopped nuts (optional)  
1½ teaspoons vanilla extract  
1½ cups (10-oz. pkg.) Reese's Peanut Butter Chips, divided  
½ cup whipping cream

1. Line 8 or 9-inch square pan with wax paper.

2. Melt chocolate chips with sweetened condensed milk and salt in heavy saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; immediately stir in nuts, if desired, vanilla and ¾ cup peanut butter chips.

Spread evenly into prepared pan. Melt remaining 1 cup peanut butter chips with whipping cream over low heat, stirring until thick and smooth. Spread over top of chocolate.

3. Refrigerate 2 hours or until firm. Turn fudge onto cutting board; peel off paper and cut into squares.

Store covered in refrigerator.

### Chocolate Almond Cookies

Prep time: 25 minutes  
Makes about 3-½ dozen cookies

1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened  
1 cup sugar  
1 egg  
½ teaspoon almond extract  
½ teaspoon vanilla extract  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
½ cup Hershey's Cocoa  
½ teaspoon baking powder  
½ teaspoon baking soda  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 cup Hershey's Mini Chips Semi-Sweet Chocolate  
Additional sugar  
Slivered blanched almonds

1. Beat butter and 1 cup sugar in large bowl until fluffy. Add egg, almond extract and vanilla; beat well.

Combine flour, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt; gradually add to butter mixture, beating to form smooth dough. Stir in mini chocolate chips. If necessary, refrigerate dough about 1 hour or until firm enough to handle.

2. Heat oven to 350°F. Shape dough into 1½ inch balls; roll in sugar. Place about 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Place three slivered almonds on top of each ball; press slightly.

3. Bake 9 to 10 minutes or until set. Cool slightly. Remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Cool completely.

Store covered at room temperature.

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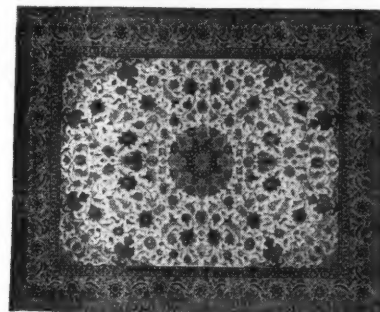
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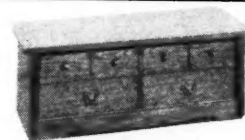


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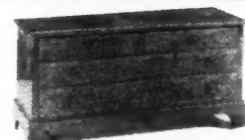
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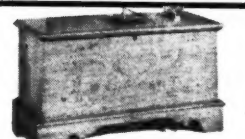
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### Toffee-Top Cheesecake Bars

Prep time: 20 minutes  
 Makes about 36 bars

1½ cups all-purpose flour  
 1 cup powdered sugar  
 ½ cup Hershey's Cocoa  
 ¼ teaspoon baking soda  
 ¾ cup (1½ sticks) butter or margarine, softened  
 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened  
 1 can (14 oz.) Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)  
 2 eggs  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 1½ cups (10-oz. pkg.) Skor English Toffee Bits, divided

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine flour, powdered sugar, cocoa and baking soda in medium bowl; cut in butter until crumbly. Press into bottom of ungreased 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Bake 15 minutes.

2. Beat cream cheese until fluffy. Add sweetened condensed milk, eggs and vanilla; beat until smooth. Stir in 1 cup toffee bits. Pour mixture over hot crust. Bake 25 minutes or until set and edges just begin to brown.

3. Remove from oven. Cool about 15 minutes. Sprinkle remaining ¾ cup toffee bits evenly over top. Cool completely. Refrigerate several hours or until cold. Store leftover bars covered in refrigerator.

### Creamy Hot Chocolate

Prep time: 5 minutes  
 Makes about 10 servings

1 can (14 oz.) Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)  
 ½ cup Hershey's Cocoa  
 1½ teaspoons vanilla extract  
 ¼ teaspoon salt  
 6½ cups hot water  
 Marshmallows (optional)

1. Combine sweetened condensed milk, cocoa, vanilla and salt in large saucepan; mix well.

2. Over medium heat, slowly stir in water; heat to serving temperature, stirring occasionally. Do Not Boil.

3. Serve in cups or mugs, topped with marshmallows, if desired.

Microwave: Combine all ingredients except marshmallows in 2-quart glass measure. Microwave at HIGH (100%) 8 to 10 minutes, stirring every 3 minutes. Top each serving with marshmallows, if desired.

### Chocolate Cranberry Bars

Prep time: 15 minutes  
 Makes about 36 bars

2 cups (about 60 wafers) vanilla wafer crumbs  
 ½ cup Hershey's Cocoa  
 3 tablespoons sugar  
 ¾ cup cold butter, cut into pieces  
 1 can (14 oz.) Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)  
 1 cup Reese's Peanut Butter Chips  
 1½ cups (6 oz. pkg.) sweetened dried cranberries or 1½ cups raisins  
 1 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Stir together crumbs, cocoa and sugar in medium bowl; cut in butter until crumbly.

2. Press mixture evenly on bottom and ½ inch up sides of 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over crumb mixture; sprinkle evenly with peanut butter chips, dried cranberries and nuts; press down firmly.

3. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cover with foil; let stand several hours. Cut into bars. Store covered at room temperature.

### Treat tips

Here are some tips on how to incorporate tempting treats into your holiday gift-giving traditions:

• How about a unique twist on a holiday favorite? Instead of the typical "Secret Santa" gift exchange, ask participants to draw a recipe as well as a name. The prepared recipe can later be offered as the surprise gift!

• Looking for a special gift for your child to give to a teacher? Or how about a nice way to say thanks to people in the office? Nothing says have a Happy Holiday and brings a smile more readily than tasty baked goodies!

For holiday parties, small baskets filled with delectable desserts make terrific gifts. Simply place treats between layers of colorful tissue and decorate with festive ribbons and bows for a great way to say "Happy Holidays."

*At Christmas I no more desire a rose  
 Than wish a snow in May's newfangled mirth;  
 But like of each thing that in season grows.*

*-William Shakespeare  
 Love's Labour Lost*



## Have a safe holiday season How to spot and avoid drunk drivers

KING OF PRUSSIA, Pa. - PRNewswire - Most people are familiar with the obvious indications, like speeding, drifting across lanes and erratic braking. "But there are other telltale signs that should alert you that a driver might be drunk - and specific tactics you can use to stay out of harm's way," says Phil Moser, a regional manager with Advanced Driver Training Services, Inc., a former police officer and an ADTS instructor. If you're planning to drive during the holiday season, keep these tips in mind.

- Watch for high beams. It's often a sign of a drunk driver, Moser says. And while you might be tempted to flash a high beaming car, be careful not to overdo it. The driver could be distracted by the flashing lights and swerve into your lane.

- Look for other headlight problems. Drunk drivers often travel with their headlights off or their parking lights on. Some turn on an interior light to adjust the heat or radio, then forget to turn the light off. If you spot these signs in an oncoming car, move to the right-hand lane as quickly (and safely) as possible.

- Never pass a driver you suspect is drunk. Many people believe it's best to get away from an erratic driver by

passing him or her. "Nothing could be further from the truth," Moser says. "You want to keep that driver in front of you, where you can see and react to problems." To create some distance between yourself and a drunk driver, safely pull into a parking lot, wait a few minutes, then proceed.

- Lose that tailgater. It may be a drunk driver who's using your tail lights as a focal point. To lose the tailgater, make a right-hand turn when you can do so safely. Most drivers under the influence won't be able to respond fast enough to follow you.

- Keep your distance at intersections. Drunk drivers tend to cut the corners short or wide. While it's always a good idea to stay one or two car lengths back from an intersection, on New Year's Eve you should make it three car lengths.

- Don't pull off to the shoulder unless you have no choice. A drunk driver can easily mistake your tail lights for moving traffic and may drift onto the shoulder, as if it was a driving lane.

- Remain on alert after sunrise. "Many people will try to 'sleep off' the alcohol, then start driving at daybreak," Moser notes. "But if they've had too much to drink, they still can be driving under the influence." So keep your "radar" on, even if you're traveling during the morning hours.

## Weight gain over holidays one pound, not five

By Bruce Smith  
Associated Press Writer

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) - Rejoice! You will likely gain only one pound, not five, this holiday season.

But don't get too happy: researchers warned recently it is also likely you will keep that pound with you for the coming year.

"The idea that everyone gains five to seven pounds during the holidays is humbug," said Patrick O'Neil, the director of the Weight Management Center at the Medical University of South Carolina.

O'Neil and Jack Yanovski, the head of the Unit on Growth and Obesity at the National Institutes of Health, discussed a study of holiday weight gain during the annual meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity.

O'Neil said the common wisdom is people gain about five pounds over the holidays but it was unclear just where that number came from.

So the researchers set out to see just how much weight people gain from Thanksgiving through the first week in January.

Those in the sample of 200 adult men and women from the Bethesda, Md., area were weighed during the study, but other vital signs also were taken so participants would not know the research was about weight gain.

The results showed participants gained just under one pound during the holidays, with men and women gaining

about the same.

Yanovski said the average person seems to gain about a pound a year so there may be indications that weight gain comes mostly from holiday eating. He said participants were not asked what type of foods they ate.

Starting the study, the researchers felt a five pound weight gain would not prove accurate.

To gain that much weight, O'Neil said, you would have to consume an extra 3,500 calories a week. That's the equivalent of drinking an extra case of beer each week, in addition to your regular diet.

The best way to approach the holidays, he said, is to "eat, drink and be wary."

Also, the 1,200 doctors, researchers and dietitians attending the conference heard that health care costs are higher for people who are obese.

One study found annual medical care costs for obese people are 36 percent higher than for those with normal weight. Another found that participating in a weight management program, for those who need it, lowered health care costs \$1,648 a year.

"The costs of obesity are alarming and will continue to grow as the epidemic grows," said Dr. Charles Billington, the association's vice president. "Obesity is not only responsible for causing serious health problems, but also a considerable financial burden on patients and society."

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## Campaign reminds consumers of the importance of toy safety

**NORTHBROOK, Ill.**—PRNewswire — One of the best things about the holiday season are the smiles on the faces of tiny tots when they see the years new toys. Toys are introduced to children when they are infants and are a large part of their lives into adolescence. There's nothing better than getting a new game, stuffed animal, doll or truck, just in time for the holidays. It's fun to play like a big kid, whether you are or not but no matter what your age, choosing toys must be done with care.

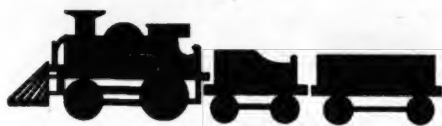
In addition to stressing the importance of holiday decorating and fire safety through its Operation Decoration campaign, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), in cooperation with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), reminds children and adults alike that toys can pose safety risks if they are misused. See <http://www.ul.com> for additional safety information or call UL's fax-on-demand hotline at 800-473-4766.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), more than 115,000 children are treated in hospital emergency rooms for toy-related injuries each year. To play it safe this holiday season, and all year long, the safety experts at UL and the NFPA offer the following tips and precautions for toy safety:

- When shopping for toys, especially electrical toys look for markings that indicate the product has been tested for safety by an independent, third-party product safety and certification organization, such as UL. If you spot a UL certification Mark on a toy, it means that samples of that toy have been tested, (dropped, pulled, tugged at, and generally torn apart) by UL engineering staff and found to comply with appropriate safety requirements.

- Pay close attention to the recommended age designation marked on the toy or its packaging. Always make sure the child's age matches or exceeds the manufacturers' recommended age specification.

- Before children play with a new toy, read the manufacturer's warning markings, and, if applicable, the use and care booklet. Make sure you and



your children understand the proper way to play with a toy.

- Immediately discard plastic packaging and gift-wrapping — these materials can pose a suffocation hazard.

- Initially and periodically inspect toys for cracks, breaks, ripped seams, etc. Parts from damaged toys can break off and become a choke hazard. Sharp edges can cause dangerous cuts or other abrasions.

- If a toy requires assembly, make sure a responsible adult assembles the product by completely following the manufacturer's instructions.

- Keep deflated and broken balloons away from small children. Infants and toddlers can easily get them caught in their throats and suffocate. \* Electric toys can become a shock hazard if they're misused. Remember, water and electricity never mix. Never allow your children to use electric toys near water.

- Be alert. Watch television newscasts and scan newspapers and consumer magazines for information on toy or other household product recalls. Whenever possible, complete and return product warranty and registration forms to the manufacturer. If a product is recalled, the manufacturer can use these forms to contact you directly.

- In the event of an emergency, make sure you have telephone numbers for the appropriate law enforcement agency, fire department and poison control center posted near every phone in your home.

Remember that the holiday season is a time for sharing. By sharing Operation Decoration's safety messages with your family, you and your family can enjoy a safer and happier holiday season. For additional safety tip information, visit UL's web site at <http://www.ul.com> or call UL's fax-on-demand hotline at 800-473-4766.

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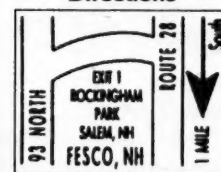
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